



PROBUS CLUB OF COORPAROO INC NEWSLETTER JUNE 2024 (vs1.1)

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 June 2024 Newsletter!

I understand from feedback that the guest speaker at the May meeting was excellent. Margo and I could not attend and we were disappointed as we were looking forward to purchasing some fresh honey. I hope the people that did purchase honey from Fran are enjoying it.

There has been an unavoidable change to the June guest speaker. This happens from time to time. Details of the speakers and their topics is outlined in this newsletter. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause to our members.

The club continues to grow steadily. We will have more interested people attending in June. We are nearing our club limit of 100 members. Fantastic effort I believe, as new members bring new experiences to our club. I am sure you will make them feel welcome. Of significance there will be three inductees at the June meeting!

I note the weather has changed as winter commences. Margo and I went to Gosford in May to manage some family issues. I can let you know the weather was miserable, wet and cold. We were glad to get home and have enjoyed the nice days since arriving home.

The next few months outings and dine-outs look exciting! Our 'Christmas in July' will be a fabulous new venue for club members and the numbers are looking very good. Join in and celebrate this occasion with other members. The Twinnies Pelican and Seabird Rescue Centre and the Mary Valley Rattler look like great days out. I hope you can join us.

Finally, and most importantly, the 'State of Origin' first game is on 3 June. I hope you will all be watching! Go the Maroons!

I look forward to seeing you at the June meeting.

Kind regards

Murray Excell ASM

PROBUS CLUB OF COORPAROO

The **JUNE MEETING** will be held on **WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE 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 6 JUNE 2024**. Changes such as cancellations or attendance to be advised by **SUNDAY 9 JUNE 2024** prior to 7pm.

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

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

REMINDER - GUEST SPEAKER FOR JUNE



No Mountain Too High – a story of ordinary people doing extraordinary things!

Rod and Deborah Setterlund have been involved with the Brisbane-based Nepal Australia Friendship Association (NAFA) since 2000. Rod has been President of NAFA (www.nafa.org.au) since 2007, with Deborah being NAFA's Research and Evaluation Officer. They visit Nepal annually at their own expense, to assess and monitor NAFA supported projects.

Rod and Deborah were both awarded an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in the 2013 Queen's Birthday Honours list. The award was in recognition of their service to the Nepalese people.

In October 2022 Rod published a book titled "**No Mountain Too High: Village Development in Nepal**", which tells the story of a development partnership involving NAFA and Tamang villagers living around the village of Tawal in the hilly region of Nepal, north-west of Kathmandu.

Set over a 20-year period, *No Mountain Too High* provides a voice to villagers from the Tamang ethnic group, who migrated south from Tibet at least 300 years ago. This is a story of risk-takers and visionaries who, within a discriminatory social and political context, have always strived for a better life and future for their community. *No Mountain Too High* tells the story of how these villagers survived a ten year civil war and a devastating earthquake, and partnered with NAFA to construct the building blocks for development and then the pathways for economic sustainability.

At its heart, *No Mountain Too High* is about an Australian couple's experience of being members of NAFA, a small, entirely volunteer-run international-aid organisation. This

book tells their personal story, the highs, and the lows, as well as their reflections on the success factors and challenges in partnering with local villagers to bring about positive change through community and market-based approaches to development.

In the end, *No Mountain Too High* is a story of ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

Come and listen to this extraordinary couple tell their stories.

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10 July 2024: Harry the paramedic and author – funny stories



Harry Colfer is the pseudonym of an acting Critical Care Paramedic with nearly twenty years of on-road experience gained in both England and Australia. As one of the highest trained pre-hospital clinicians, he regularly attends cardiac arrests and major incidents.

As a way of dealing with these experiences, Harry has embraced the cathartic paramedic custom of storytelling and, back in 2012, began writing in his spare time. Using his knowledge of

the subject area, he created a series of short stories, '**Ambo Tales from the Frontline**', with the ultimate aim of publishing one for each of the thirty-two codes used to categorise emergency calls.

Although his stories are the product of his imagination, his writing style is very realistic, and his characters rarely pull punches when discussing their fictional management.

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7 August 2024: Ron Baker - History of Brisbane and the Brisbane River

The Coorparoo & Districts Heritage Group Inc. was formed in 1991. Its main strength is the monthly talks given by local historians over a considerable time, and generally very well-attended.



The lead history manager, Ron Baker, has documented the large collection of history talks.

Ron is well known to some club members, and we look forward to having him talk about our lovely city.

BOOK SWAP

Wednesday 12 June 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 13 June 2024 and Thursday 27 June**
Time: 10am to 1pm
Venue: Fielders Club Address: 35 Bognor Street, Tingalpa. QLD

Margo and Jude welcome experienced and beginner mahjong players.

Canasta and 500 card games are also being played. Come and join in!

Many participants stay on for lunch afterwards.

NOTE: Members attending these activities are keen to change the days to the first and third Thursday of the month. This matter will be raised at the June meeting for discussion. If accepted, the change will commence July 2024

NEWS FROM THE TRIPS COMMITTEE

JUNE DINE OUT

Wednesday, 5 June 2024

Cooee Café



Come and join us for a delicious lunch at the [Cooee Café & Restaurant](#), Creek Road, Cannon Hill.

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

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Wednesday, 26 June 2024

Twinnies Pelican and Seabird Rescue Centre

Coorparoo Probus is heading to Landsborough in June to visit the famous Twinnies Pelican and Seabird Rescue Centre.



We will tour the facility and learn how Paula and Bridgette Powers have dedicated their lives in the rehabilitation and restoration of sick and injured birds and sea life.

Recognised by the late Steve Irwin, and more recently Dr Chris Brown, Paula and Bridgette not only have a profound and innate understanding of sea and coastal wildlife, but an amazing ability to diagnose and provide treatment in the animal's recovery.

Following our tour, the Club will head to the [Buderim Tavern](#) for lunch. The Tavern boasts extraordinary views of the Sunshine Coast and nearby bushland. Lunch is at member's own expense.

Cost: \$45 per person

Bus pick up: 8:15am – The Village, Goring Street, Coorparoo
8:30am – Scott Park, Harold Street, Holland Park

Banking Details:

Bank of Queensland

BSB: 124 062

Account No: 23455992

Don't forget to reference your **NAME** and **EVENT** when making your payment.

Payment due by Wednesday, 12 June

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Wednesday, 24 July 2024

CHRISTMAS IN JULY



Our destination is finally revealed! Secrets on the Lake is nestled in the beautiful, lush rainforest overlooking Lake Baroon, with great views from the deck which overlooks the lake where we will enjoy the warm winter ambience whilst enjoying the delights of an award-winning restaurant.

The land was first sighted by explorer Ludwig Leichhardt in 1843, and quickly became a passion for the owners George and Aldy Johnston who are farmers and entrepreneurs. They have expanded their farm to include accommodation, spas, a café and restaurant.

A light morning tea will be enjoyed at Mary Cairn Crossing overlooking the beautiful lush Glasshouse Mountains hinterland and coastal beaches, after which we will enjoy a pre-ordered 2 course Christmas lunch.

Cost: **\$60 per person**

Bus pick up: 7:45am – The Village, Goring Street, Coorparoo
8:00am – Scott Park, Harold Street, Holland Park

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Due to its popularity this is for members only.

Payment due by Wednesday, 10 July

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Wednesday, 25 September 2024

MARY RIVER RATTLER



ALL ABOARD! Probus Coorparoo is celebrating its 40th birthday with a special outing on The Mary River Rattler Steam Train.

We are travelling first to picturesque Amamoor, right in the heart of the Amamoor State Forest. The State Forest has more than 120 species of Australian bird life and is a popular destination for tourists, campers and

bird enthusiasts.

We will watch the Rattler arriving and watch the turn-around on the restored turntable for its trip back to Gympie.

Once on board the Rattler will wind its way through the scenic Mary Valley, through Dagon, Lagoon Pocket before arriving at Gympie. The trip will take approximately 1 hour. On arrival we will be treated to a 2-course lunch on the station platform before we board our coach for the return trip to Brisbane.

There will be comfort stops and morning tea along the way.

Cost: \$120 pp with lunch and morning tea included (less the \$20 deposit required to secure your booking).

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7:15am – Scott Park, Harold Street, Holland Park

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Don't forget to reference your **NAME** and **EVENT** when making your payment.

Please email Chris on tripsfunctionscoorparoo@gmail.com if you are interested.

Full payment required by Wednesday, 7 August (Probus meeting day)

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SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, 11 December 2024



Probus Christmas Lunch

Mark your diary now!

Details provided closer to the date

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High Tea at Room with Roses

A wonderful day was enjoyed by all who were able to attend the Mother's Day High Tea. The food was delicious, and a great time was had by all!



Trip to Canungra

Canungra proved to be a popular trip for our members. Here are a few snapshots of the day, and by the look of it everyone enjoyed lunch at the Canungra Hotel!



COORPAROO PROBUS EVENTS 2024					
	PLACE	DATE	TIME	TRANSPORT	PAYMENT
JUNE EVENTS – PLEASE NOTE YOUR CALENDAR					
June Dine Out	Cooee Café	Wed 5 June	11:45am for 12:00pm	Own	Own
General Meeting	Holland Park Sports Club	Wed 12 June	10:00am	Own	\$7 plus raffle
Mahjong/Canasta/500	Fielders Tingalpa	Thurs 13 June	10:00am	Own	Individual
Twinnies Pelican & Seabird Rescue Centre	Landsborough	Wed 26 June	8:15am	Bus pick up See details above	\$45 pp
Mahjong/Canasta/500	Fielders Tingalpa	Thurs 27 June	10:00am	Own	Individual
JULY EVENTS – PLEASE NOTE YOUR CALENDAR					
General Meeting	Holland Park Sports Club	Wed 10 July	10:00am	Own	\$7 plus raffle
Christmas in July	Secrets on the Lake	Wed 24 July	7:45am	Bus pick up See details above	\$60 pp
SEPTEMBER EVENTS – PLEASE NOTE YOUR CALENDAR					
Mary River Rattler Steam Train	Amamoor Station then train to Gympie	Wed 25 Sept	7:00am	Bus pick up See details above	\$120 pp