



PROBUS CLUB OF COORPAROO INC

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 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 September 2024 Newsletter.

September 2024 represents the 40th year of the Probus Club of Coorparoo. This is quite an achievement and the fact that the club has reached this milestone is testament to the many club and committee members that have paved the way to make this club a successful one.

A sincere 'Thank you' to all those members that have been a part of this club over the years. You have been able to keep the club active and relevant. Not an easy task in current times.

Probus clubs *must* remain relevant, up to date with current trends and provide what members want if they are to remain viable. Remember, Members *are* the club. Feedback is very important to ensure the Committee is 'hitting the mark', so do not be concerned about making suggestions to Committee members on how things can be improved.

I continue to receive calls and emails from people wanting to know what Probus has to offer them. Perhaps that person is now without a life partner, or they have re-located from another town or city and are looking to join an active group of people; there are many reasons.

The most common question asked of me is: *Does the club have trips and outings!* Probus club's by and large offer opportunities for members to visit interesting places. For our club we visit locations in and around Brisbane and beyond on organised outings. The Trips Committee members continue to do a fantastic job of organising the outings. Thank you to Chris, Maryann and Shirley for your hard work in this area.

Our web page is wonderful, full of key information about the club and our activities. It is modern and fresh and I invite you all to have a regular look at the site.

Finally! Committee members have organised some 'special' things for the 40th Anniversary event. Do come along and be part of this important occasion. I look forward to seeing you there!

Kind regards

Murray Excell ASM

PROBUS CLUB OF COORPAROO

The **SEPTEMBER MEETING** will be held on **WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 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 5 SEPTEMBER 2024**. Changes such as cancellations or attendance to be advised by **SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2024** prior to 7pm.

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

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

REMINDER – SEPTEMBER MEETING

11 September 2024: 40th Anniversary Celebrations



There is no guest speaker for September but our Committee has worked very hard to put on a special day of celebrations.

As we have a full morning of entertainment we would appreciate it if members could be seated for a 10:00am start.

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9 October 2024: Seniors Month



Entertainment brought to you by "Mates Rates"

BOOK SWAP

Wednesday 11 September 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 12 September 2024 and Thursday 26 September 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

Wednesday, 4 September 2024

Colmslie Hotel



Come and join us for a great meal at the [Colmslie Hotel](#), Cnr Wynnum and Kates Streets, Morningside.

Meet at 11:45am for a 12:00pm start.
There is parking around the Hotel.

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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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NEWS FROM THE TRIPS COMMITTEE

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).**

Note the early pick up times for this trip!

Bus pick up: 7:00am – The Village, Goring Street, Coorparoo
7:15am – Scott Park, Harold Street, Holland Park

Banking Details: - please see the latest Newsletter

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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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 Coot-tha 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: please see the latest Newsletter.

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

SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, 11 December 2024



Probus Christmas Lunch

Mark your diary now!

Details provided closer to the date

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.

Trip to The Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium

It looks like many of our members had a great day out (not just because the weather was stunning) at the Planetarium. Such an interesting visit with the main attraction being the Cosmic Skydome. Did you know that in 2019, a new 8K projection system was installed? The laser-powered system generates one of the world's brightest, most detailed night sky experiences, on a 12.5m-diameter projection dome.

Here are just a few photos of our members enjoying their day out. Thanks to our Trips Committee for another enjoyable and interesting day.



COORPAROO PROBUS EVENTS 2024					
	PLACE	DATE	TIME	TRANSPORT	PAYMENT
SEPTEMBER EVENTS – PLEASE NOTE YOUR CALENDAR					
Dine Out	Colmslie Hotel	Wed 4 September	11:45am	Own	Own
General Meeting '40 th Celebrations'	Holland Park Sports Club	Wed 11 September	10:00am	Own	\$7 plus raffle
Mahjong/Canasta/500	Fielders Tingalpa	Thurs 12 September	10:00am	Own	Individual
Mary River Rattler Steam Train	Amamoor Station then train to Gympie	Wed 25 September	7:00am	Bus pick up See details above	\$120 pp
Mahjong/Canasta/500	Fielders Tingalpa	Thurs 26 September	10:00am	Own	Individual
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	TBA	Wed 6 November			
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
Outing	TBA	Wed 27 November			
Mahjong/Canasta/500	Fielders Tingalpa	Thurs 28 November	10:00am	Own	Individual
DECEMBER EVENTS – PLEASE NOTE YOUR CALENDAR					
Christmas Lunch	TBA	Wed 11 December			