



PROBUS CLUB OF COORPAROO INC NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2026



Meets at Belmont Services Bowls Club
20 Narracott Street, Carina
10:00am Second Wednesday of the month

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to one and all in Friendship, Fellowship and Fun.

I trust all those who attended the July meeting enjoyed our touch of Christmas in July. A few decorations, some chocolates, plus Bronwen's delicious cakes and some extra raffle prizes set the tone for an enjoyable meeting where we welcomed three new members Jeanette Bowe along with Ian and Linda Nicoll. Local artist and guest speaker Debra Hood looked the part bedecked in gorgeous green velvet.

Both Marion and I attended the Brisbane Metro South meeting conducted by PAQ at the end of June with representatives attending from Carindale Combined, Chatsworth Carindale, Holland Park, Moorooka, Mount Gravatt Pacific, Norman Park, Yeronga, Sunnybank and Salisbury East (now meets at Algester). The four largest clubs would be the new Bulimba club membership of 130, the two Carindale Clubs and Coorparoo. Newsletters will be shared between the twelve Metro South Clubs.

Queensland Probus clubs have been encouraged to walk the equivalent distance from Port Douglas to Coolangatta, an approximate distance of 1876 km in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Probus. Western Australia and South Australia will be participating in their walks covering the equivalent of 1768 km and 1288 km respectively this activity. If all Queensland clubs took part, each club would only need to walk approximately 12 km. Coorparoo Probus will do better than that. See details listed separately in the newsletter. Please join us on the walk Saturday, 5th September.

Members attending the morning tea on the 19th of August, will have received details of where they are to attend. Please advise the host if circumstances alter and you can no longer attend. At this stage, six members are generously hosting. It's not too late if you should wish to add your name. We are in the fortunate position to have reserve hosts.

Please note the August meeting date - 5th August - one week earlier to accommodate the Exhibition Show Holiday.

Kindest regards
Pam

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JULY MEETING

The **AUGUST GENERAL MEETING** will be held on **Wednesday 5 AUGUST 2026** at the Belmont Bowls Club, commencing at 10 am.

TREASURER: - MARIE BUCKLEY will send out an attendance email to all members.

When you receive your email, please respond either **YES** or **NO** to treasurer.coorparoo@gmail.com

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL ATTENDANCE MATTERS TO:-
treasurer.coorparoo@gmail.com



Our committee member for the month of August is John Wingfield. John is the club's secretary; attends the Romeo's breakfasts and the Games mornings at Fielder's every fortnight. John and Jude enjoy the dine outs and the monthly trips and events.

CLUB INDUCTIONS ~ JULY



Jeanette Bowe with Ian and Linda Nicoll were inducted into the Probus Club of Coorparoo Inc by President, Pam Gould.

Congratulations and welcome to our club.

JULY – Guest Speaker was **DEBRA HOOD** who is an iconic artist famous known for her vibrant, personalised cityscapes celebrating Brisbane's unique architecture. Members enjoyed Debra's presentation.



AUGUST MINI EXPO

The following speakers will make a presentation on their service for 15 minutes & then members will have the opportunity to speak to them individually.

Hayley Darke exercise physiologist from **Southern Care**.

Paul Hobbs **Caring Cuisine** provide meals delivered to homes.

Ofahiki Latu Care Coordinator from **Evigor** to talk about changes in aged care services.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY KOOROOMBA VINEYARDS & LAVENDER FARM *Morning Tea*



Kooroomba Winery and Lavender Farm nestled in the Fassifern Valley at Mt Alford was the destination for the Club's 2026 Christmas in July trip.

An hour later departure than normal was welcomed by many. Light rain fell as we alighted the bus driven by the well-known Dean. By the time we arrived at Scott Park for the 2nd pick up the sun was out and fortunately stayed out the remainder of the day.



Our bus was almost full with 49 Probus members and visitors. Boonah Rotary Park was our morning tea stop. Half an hour for Coffee, biscuits and a chat. On arrival we all moved to the restaurant where 3 long tables had been set for Probus Coorparoo. The award-winning restaurant served a lovely lunch of homemade focaccia, grilled Barramundi with tomato/finger lime salsa, Sir Harry Wagyu Beef Cheek with Roasted Vegetables followed by Lavender ice-cream with Berry Coulis and Tiramisu. The tradition of the Christmas in July raffle followed lunch. Pam Gould and Marie Buckley had chosen a wonderful array of gifts and thrilled those lucky recipients. Time had been allowed for wine tasting however, many of us had already tried a glass of Kooroomba's own red, white or bubbles to complement our lunch. A number purchased gifts from the Lavender Farm shop. A wander down the lavender lined path to the Chapel (what a beautiful setting for weddings) for a group photo and little bit of fun.



A few of the very lucky raffle winners.



Margaret Chesterfield



Helen Reid



Carmel Tobin



Linda Nicoll



Marie Buckley- Treasurer.



Sallie Pigozza



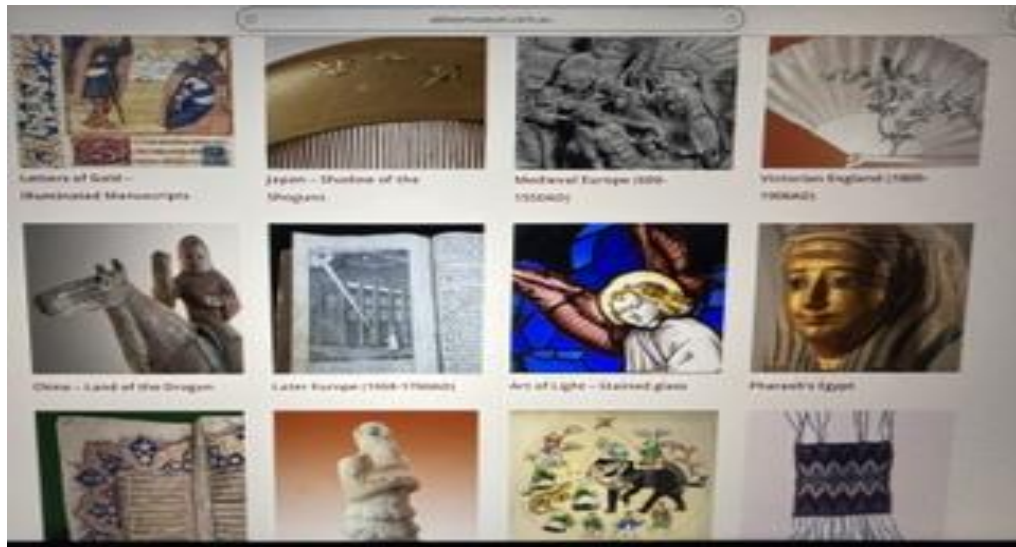
Marion Patrick- Trips & Functions

2.15pm saw us all back on the bus with Dean having us back in Coorparoo by 4pm.
Thank you to everyone who came along making it a lovely day.

ABBAY MUSEUM OF ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY, CABOOLTURE.

WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST 2026

COST \$55



Join us for a trip back in time to the Abbey Museum of Art and Archaeology whose history spans more than 80 years, from its beginnings in England as the Abbey Folk Park to its re-emergence as today's museum. A treasure trove of world history taking you on a journey through a million years of human history.

COST \$55.00. INCLUDES:

Morning tea
Museum Entrance
Museum & Stained Glass Tour

AT OWN COST

LUNCH BRIBIE ISLAND SURF CLUB

BUS PICK-UP **8.15AM:** The Village Goring Street, Coorparoo
 8.30AM: W.J. Scott Park Cnr Rita & Harold St. Holland Pk.

PAYMENT: \$55.00. DUE: 5TH AUGUST, 2026 (August meeting)

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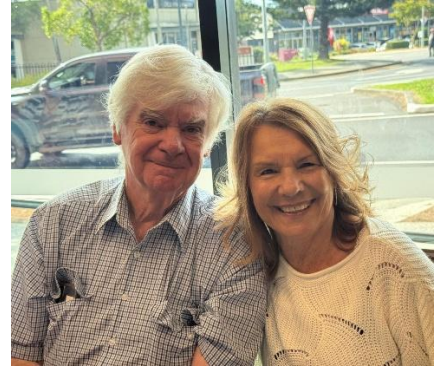
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August 2026

July Dine Out was held at the Carindale Hotel.



*Pam Gould, Barry and Margaret Chesterfield,
Jeanette Bowe, Bob Deathridge & Geoff Solomon*



Ken Mitchell and Bron Middleton



*Mary Kidas, Barbara Kennedy
and Sue Bramble.*



Ken Wilde, Ian Laing and Roslyn Murray



Roslyn Murray and Margaret Riches



Cathy Lutvey and Marie Buckley.



Larraine Diprose and Patti Blake



Verónica Periera and Jan James.

NO AUGUST DINE OUT due to the General Meeting being held on the first Wednesday.
The second Wednesday is the Ekka holiday.

MAHJONG CANASTA

DATE:- THURSDAY 13 August 2026 and Thursday 27 August 2026

TIME:- 10am to 1pm

VENUE:- Fielders Club Address: 35 Bognor Street, Tingalpa.

Margo & Jude host Mahjong and Canasta for Probus members at the Fielders Club in Tingalpa on the second & fourth Thursday of every month, starting promptly at 10 am. Coffee is available from the club if you need it!

It's a relaxed & friendly group, that is currently playing both Mahjong & Canasta. Everyone loves to have new members come along and are more than happy to welcome and teach people who have never played before.

Contacts: Jude:- 3366 5312 (leave a message if it's not answered)

Margo:- 0432 576 987



Share your love of reading & discover new amazing books.

The opportunity to swap books is available at every General Meeting.

“WHEREFORE ART THOU ROMEO?”

Retired Old Men Eating Out.

Carina Leagues Club

Wednesday 19 August.

Breakfast at 7.30 am

A great opportunity for the men of the club to get together; have a chat and enjoy a lovely breakfast. Four men attended ROMEO'S July breakfast.



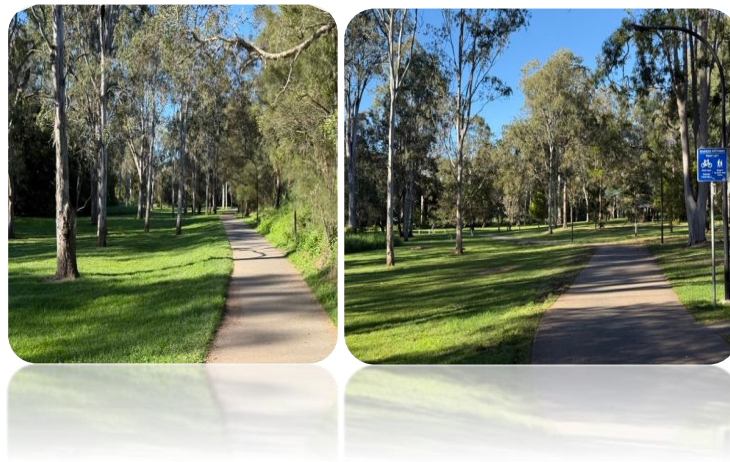
Damien Savage, John Sweeting, Barry Chesterfield and Frank Britt.

August 2026

Frank's Report from the Romeo's breakfast.

"What a pity there were not more attendees, because we had an in-depth conversation about problems elderly men have. The first time that I have ever been in a discussion like that. Usually, men are so reserved. We all came away with a far greater understanding than ever before."

Frank thought it was important that this be conveyed to the men in the club, that the breakfasts can be far more than a bunch of old guys just talking "rubbish."



SATURDAY September 5TH 7.30am.

Coorparoo Probus is asking members to join together and walk along the Bulimba Creek walkway at Carindale as part of the 50th Anniversary of Probus. It is all a long flat wide even terrain.

Ample parking in Stanmere Street, near Laglan Street, leading to the walkway. From here to the Carindale Shopping Centre and return is approximately 3 km. Continuing onto Cadogan Street and return totals 6 km. The energetic walkers can continue onto Meadowlands Road. This additional walk is approximately 8 km return.

Maybe take the option of a coffee stop at the Carindale Shopping Centre on any of the walks.

Sign on sheet available at the August meeting or just advise Pam that you plan to walk.