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WAGGA WAGGA GARDEN CITY PROBUS CLUB (C) NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 1997

Hello Members,

Well our club is now well and truly a reality, thanks to the members of the Koorungal Rotary Club who helped initiate its establishment, with a special thanks to John Clough, Kevin Warden, Noel Brill, Ron Belling, Ken Downey and Wal Breust. It's great to have a brand new Probus Club in Wagga where, for the first time, singles and doubles are welcome to join.

At the inaugural interest meeting on 26th August, a total of 79 persons attended whilst 44 apologies were received. John Clough (P.D.G. of Rotary District 9700, Charter President of Koorungal Men's Probus Club, Probus Chairman of Rotary District 9700 for past 8 years, and Member of South West Pacific Probus Centre Committee), Joyce Thompson (Past President Wagga Wagga Ladies Probus Club) and Doug Phipps (I.P. President Wagga Wagga Men's Probus Club and a foundation member) all spoke on various aspects of Probus.

Special guests of already-formed Probus Clubs at the second meeting on 23 September were Peg Rodharn (Wagga Ladies), Jack Stubbs (Wagga Men's), Jack Luhrs (Koorungal Men's), Eve Mulcahy (Koorungal Ladies), Nola Scott (Wollundry Ladies) and Joan Rossiter (Sturt Ladies). Over 100 people (also 26 apologies) attended this meeting, the largest Charter Day ever of any of the 45 clubs previously formed in this district. The club now has 115 financial members. Wow! Doesn't this auger well for the future of WWGCPC? (Yes, you can guess what the above abbreviation means and we're going to use this most times in future Newsletters to cut down on space).

Committee badges, lapel badges (joiners on 23/9/97) and name badges (joiners on 26/8/97) were presented. President Wal Breust gave notice of a motion for Club Incorporation, a vote to be taken at the October meeting and a Public Officer to be elected.

Our club should begin to gain momentum from here on so please attend the next meeting and as many meetings as possible thereafter.

● COMING EVENTS

A ECUMENICAL SERVICE - All Wagga Probus Clubs.

At the Tree Chapel at the Botanical Gardens on Monday, October 20, at 11 am. The School for Senior Choir will lead the singing, Colin Rush will give the address and it is hoped that Jim Waddell will lead the service.

Bring your own food, drink and seating for a combined picnic to follow.

B FRIENDSHIP DAY 1998 - Wagga Leagues Club, Saturday March 28.

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION hereunder are some abbreviated facts:

JOINING FEE: \$20 couples, \$12 singles (plus \$5 per person which covers badge and lapel costs).

MEETING VENUE: Senior Citizens Club, Tarcutta Street, Wagga Wagga

MEETING TIME: 1.30 pm (Committee Meeting 12.30 pm).

MEETING DATES: Fourth Tuesday of each month (Meeting dates for the next two months are October 28 and November 25).

AFTERNOON TEA: 50c (available midway through meeting).

FINANCIAL MEMBERS: 115 as at 23 September 1997 - 43 couples, 29 Singles.

OFFICE BEARERS:

President: - Wal Breust (PH: 69226244)
Secretary: - John Christie
Treasurer: - Bob Williams

Vice President: - Nev. Blamey

COMMITTEE: - Membership: - Pat Bombell
Programmes: - Muriel Waddell
Newsletter: - Barbara & Ray Fielder
Activities: - Zara Blamey
Hospitality: - Margaret & Bill Nash
Welfare: - Flo Burmeister.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING- March each year, to allow time to print the Probus Directory by June for the Annual Changeover.

ALAOOB: - No, you won't guess this one! It's not the wrongful abbreviation for ALLY OOP, that wild cave dweller we used to read about in comics. Rather it stands for "A Little About Our Office Bearers" beginning with our President, Wal Breust.

WAL BREUST was born at Temora, attended school at Bectric Primary., Temora and Wagga Wagga High Schools. Started working career in 1943 with Bank of New South Wales, then went into business with parents at Collingullie Store & Service Station before joining Golden Fleece Petroleum as a District Representative, then South Western Supervisor. Transferred to Sydney as Assistant Terminal Superintendent at Matraville. In 1967 set up a Real Estate Agency in Wagga Wagga with brothers Milton & Baden and retired in July 1995.

In 1969 Joined the Koorngal Rotary Club as a charter member and President in 1972. Served as a Rotary District Governor in 1987/88 and served on the board of the Real Estate Institute for two years and prior to retirement served a term as a Regional Councillor for twelve months for the First National Real Estate Group in New South Wales.

Wal and Joan have two children and five grandchildren living in Wagga Wagga and they both enjoy a game of golf as their sport.

Well now we know a little more about our first leader. We wish you well Wal (and Joan) and know you'll be a popular and competent first President

Cheers till next month.

Barbara & Ray Fielder

NEWSLETTER- NOVEMBER 1997

OUR OFFICE BEARERS

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Greetings, Fellow Members,

What a great beginning our club has made! When you read below you will appreciate how busy your committee members have been in getting things "rolling", but firstly:

The official name of our club is as above and not the reverse as on our first newsletter so the abbreviation will be PCWWGC and not WWGCPC. Apologies for this.

NEW MEMBERS/MEMBERSHIP. We welcome 13 new members from our last meeting. Total is now 129. Only 11 more members to be accepted before a Waiting List will apply.

MEETINGS on 4th Tuesday of month, 1.30 p.m. (Committee meets 12.30 p.m.). NEXT MEETING 25/11/97, thence 27/1/98. No December meeting. October meeting attendance 88, 23 apologies and 1 visitor.

INCORPORATION application being sent. Our Public Officer is Peter Hardy. Thanks, Peter.

PAST EVENTS

- Beach Picnic 6/11/97, smallish attendance but very enjoyable.
- Combined Probus Clubs ECUMENICAL SERVICE at The Tree Chapel 202/10/97, a very pleasant down-to-earth service. Many thanks to Jim Waddell (service), Colin Rush (address) and the School For Seniors. Relaxing picnic lunch followed.

COMING EVENTS

- Christmas Luncheon at Nathan Room, Wagga Wagga Commercial Club on Friday 12/12/97 (12 for 12.30 p.m.) - \$15 each - to be handed in inside sealed (name/s thereon) envelope at next meeting.
- "Showboat". Tentative date 27/5.'98 at New Lyric Theatre in Sydney Casino. Bus to leave 8 a.m. on Wednesday. Total cost of \$200 is all inclusive till after breakfast Thursday. Visit to Olympic Stadium Thurs. morning. Accommodation at Sovereign Motor Inn, Crows Nest (4 star NRMA). Zara will need to have an idea of interested participants at next meeting and she needs \$100 deposit each on or before January meeting. Well done, Zara.
- Friendship Day 1998 - Wagga Leagues Club, Saturday 28/3/98.
PCWWGC member John Vrolyks (ph. 69251484) would like to hear from any member interested in forming an **EXERCISE GROUP** (walking, swimming, etc.) Contact John at next meeting or by phone.

ALAOOB (A Little About Our Office Bearers):- **NEVILLE BLAMEY, Vice President.**

Neville was born in Wagga Wagga. Primary school education was received in Quandialla and Narrandera and then onto the Scots College, Sydney.

Joined the family baking business in Wagga late 1946, leaving in 1957 to purchase another bakery in Sydney. Some years were then spent managing bakeries and in the sale of bakery machinery. This coupled with the AMP Society and a concrete swimming pool company enabled him to combine his desire to enjoy both a sales career and the outdoors.

Was a member of Apex Wagga in the 50's, Ryde and West Tamworth Rotary Clubs in the 60's and Green Point Probus 1994-95.

While in Wagga Neville served as a Lieutenant in the local 7/21 st Recce. Regt. under the command of Col. Stan Sly. His rank of Lieutenant was a long way short of that attained by his Great Uncle Field Marshall Sir Thomas Blarney. Neville married Zara Taylor in December 1955, they have three sons and one daughter and four grandchildren, both Neville and Zara enjoy their garden and golf.

For some years, Neville, who was a licensed Real Estate Agent, had an agency at West Pennant Hills which was sold to his son Andrew on retirement in 1989.

GUEST SPEAKERS

- Last meeting Susan Courtney, Chief Ranger WWCC - informative talk re her work, especially re dogs.
- Next meeting Gabrielle O'Kane, Consultant in Nutrition and Dietetics - should be very interesting! Roll up! Thanks, Muriel.

BIRTHDAYS - Congratulations to these November Scorpios celebrating birthdays:- Nancy Morgan (8th); Flo Burmeister and Haydn Willetts (9th); Margaret Nash (19th) and Elva Westman (22nd). Only half have signed *the* Birthday Register. It will be near the attendance book next meeting. Please sign. Year of birth not required???

INSURANCE has been taken out with Probus National Insurance Scheme to protect members from Property Damage and Personal Injury arising out of activities of Probus. Cost \$1 each but paid from your subscription.

HELP ROSTERS for next meeting - Anyone on roster NOT able to attend - please arrange for substitute prior to meeting.

- **Kitchen:** - The Bagleys - Les, Pat, Ella & Ted - (contacts re kitchen are Margaret and Bill Nash).
- **Attendance Register:-** Fred & Pam Wilkins
- **Afternoon Tea Moneys:** - Jan Williams. (contact person re register & moneys is Pat Bombell). Blimey! We're just getting wound up but that seems to be the lot!!

Cheers till next month.

Barb & Ray

NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 1998

Hello and Happy New Year,

We sincerely hope you had a very joyful festive season and wish you all a happy and healthy 1998.

BEREAVEMENT. However, Christmas did not bring joy to everyone and our sincerest sympathies are extended to George Waterson who lost his wife, Mavis, suddenly on 20th December. Our caring thoughts are with George and his family.

MEMBERSHIP. We now have our full complement of members. Should you know of anyone wishing to join at a later date they will need to register to go on our waiting list. Welcome to those folk who have joined since our November meeting, namely Shelley & Stan Rogers and Audrey & Peter Killalea.

MONTHLY MEETING. The next meeting of PCWWGC will be held at 1.30 PM on Tuesday 27th January preceded by the Committee Meeting at 12.30 PM. Please attend if possible to get our club off to a great beginning as we're sure 1998 will be a great year for us.

The **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** at the Commercial Club on 12th December was very successful with About 80 members attending. The food was good, the entertainment excellent and the tables looked lovely thanks to all those who participated in Zara's competition, with Margaret Nash winning the prize for best decorated table.

Don't miss next year's **COMING EVENTS.** Write these in your new '98 diary:

- "Showboat". 27/3/98. The bus is now fully booked but if you wish to go and haven't registered then ring Zara on 6926 4386 to have your name placed on a waiting list in case of cancellations. Thanks to those who promptly indicated their intention of making the trip. It should be a great couple of days.

- Friendship Day 1998 - Wagga Leagues Club, Saturday 21/3/98 - Note change of date. \$12 p.p. Entertainment Eddie Kneebone.

PCWWGC EXERCISE GROUP. Those interested in joining please phone John Vrolyks or see him at the January meeting.

PCWWGC BOOK GROUP. Jan Williams has asked that anyone wishing to join the Book Club please contact her ASAP, before our next meeting if possible or at the meeting at the latest. This is important.

BIRTHDAYS. Well, Zara Blarney "takes the cake" so far. Zara's birthday is on 27th January, our next meeting day, so I'm sure we'll all personally wish her a happy birthday on that day. Other birthdays we have recorded for January are Norma Lohrey (3rd), Alice Reberger (5th), Edward Oakman (11th), Jean Jenkins (12th), Joan Barbey (14th), Dorothy Prest and Wal Breust (15th), Leonie and Martin Kendall (24th) and George Waterson. We hope you all had enjoyable New Year birthdays.

President Wal wished the December born members Happy Birthday at our Christmas Luncheon. **GUEST SPEAKERS**

- Gabrielle O'Kane, Nutritionist, was a treat to listen to last meeting. Besides having a great personality and sense of humour, she armed us with some good diet ideas and fitness tips.

- Mr Haydn Willetts, one of our members, will speak at our next meeting.

HELP ROSTERS for next meeting:

- **Kitchen:** - Elaine and Wal Baker, Alf and Marion Beurle.

- **Attendance Register:** - John and Patricia Whiting

- **Afternoon Tea Moneys:** - Jan Willett.

If any problems contact Margaret or Bill Nash re kitchen or Pat Bombell for register/afternoon tea.

ALAOOB (A Little About Our Office Bearers):- Secretary, John Christie and Treasurer, Bob Williams.

John Alexander CHRISTIE was born 6-3-26 at Queanbeyan (the first of 5 boys and 2 girls). His father was Foreman Painter on the old Parliament House during its construction. John left Canberra High after completing his Intermediate Certificate and his first job was a Messenger at the Attorney General's Dept - where Gough Whitlam's father was Solicitor General. In 1941 John commenced an apprenticeship with the Canberra Electricity Supply as an Elec.Mechanic - later transferring to Elec.Fitter when an opportunity arose to receive his Tradesman Certificate. He then studied the required Leaving Certificate subjects to do an Elec.Eng. course at Sydney Tech College completing the 5 year course in 1954. This gave him the necessary qualifications to pursue his career in Local Government at Sthn Mitchell C.C. (Oberon), Tumbarumba Shire,

Tumut River C.C., Macleay River C.C. and S.R.C.C. with appointments from Assistant Elec. Eng, ranging through to Distribution Eng. responsible for the construction and maintenance of power lines and underground cables and the system control (ie. continuity of supply to the customers) with Southern Riverina County Council. He retired in July 1986 when it seemed that control was slipping away from local hands. In December 1953 John married Beryl Brodie and they have two sons, Robert and Peter and two daughters, Anne and Jenny. Played Hockey and Tennis even after moving to Wagga Wagga. Is an Elder of the Presbyterian Church of Australia with 40 years experience. A charter member of Koorungal Rotary Club, WW Koorungal Men's Probus Club and now the Probus Club of WWGC.

Bob WILLIAMS was born in Croydon Park and started his education by correspondence at Sapphire (just east of Inverell), doing the last year of primary at Inverell, travelling by bus each day. Attended Hurlstone Agricultural High at Glenfield - leaving with honours in agriculture and graduated from Hawksbury Agricultural College in 1956. First paid job was with W R Carpenter & Co in Rabual (New Britain) looking after beef cattle that NEVER EXISTED. On returning to Sydney, went to the Public Service Board and found a job in the Valuer's General Dept as a cadet valuer. Stayed with Vgs for thirty five years and retired as a Senior Valuer in August 1993. Is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Valuers, a qualified real estate agent and town planner. Was a charter member of Central Wagga Apex Club and has been a member of Koorungal Rotary Club for sixteen years, being Rotary Dist 9700 Environmental Committee Chairman, a member of Wagga Wagga Tidy Towns Committee and Wagga Wagga Waste Management Committee. Bob married Jan in 1960 and they have twins - Kylie and David, both married and living in Wagga Wagga. Have 4 grandchildren, the latest, Jordan, arriving on 4th January - he's informed this is the last! Since Bob retired, he has started up a home and garden maintenance business, as well as growing iris commercially. When he has time, Bob's hobbies are gardening, fishing and restoring an old 26 Chev truck, which he started on 12 years ago.

Cheers for now, *Barb & Ray*.

NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 1998

Hello Fellow Probians,

What a great beginning to 1998 with 101 members present at our January Meeting, along with 9 visitors! Thirteen apologies were received.

A "good on ya, well done" to the members of the Wagga Ladies Probus Club who surprised us with vocal entertainment. Some well-known songs such as I Still Call Australia Home, National Anthem, Road To Gundagai, Beside The Sea (and more) were a joy to hear and a very fitting Australia Day remembrance. Thanks, too, to Margo Pollard for her Australian-theme floral decoration of the podium. Most enjoyable!

Guest Speaker was Koorringal High School ex-Principal, Frank Nethery, who presented us with an interesting and well-prepared talk on Coats-of-Arms - City, States and Federal. Thank you, Frank.

Wal thanked those folk who had so capably helped with kitchen, afternoon tea and attendance duties so far. Those on the amended roster for the next 2 months are:

<u>Kitchen:-</u>	<u>Attendance Register</u>	<u>Afternoon Tea Moneys</u>
February 24th Joan Breust, Anne Bolton Rita Cameron, Leonie Kendall	Elva & Alf Westman	Joy Wayling
March 24th :		

Joan & Bill Barbey

Ruth & John Walker

Joyce Thompson

A reminder that members themselves are asked to find a replacement in the event of them not being able to work on the roster. If any further difficulties contact Margaret or Bill Nash re kitchen or Pat Bombell for register/afternoon tea.

MEMBERSHIP. We now have our full complement of 140 members and already have 17 or more people on the waiting list so PCWWGC is proving very popular. Aren't we lucky we joined early? Jack Luhrs forwarded his resignation of membership last meeting as he decided to devote his time fully to Men's Probus.

FEBRUARY MEETING. The next meeting of PCWWGC will be held at 1.30 PM on Tuesday 24th February preceded by the Committee Meeting at 12.30 PM. Our apologies for informing you that Haydn Willetts would be our guest speaker for the January meeting. Haydn was unavailable but he will speak to us at the February meeting on "Living and Working in Japan". I'm sure this will be most interesting.

The MARCH MEETING (24th) will be our Annual General Meeting when an election of Office Bearers will take place. President Wal is not seeking re-election so current Vice President Neville will step up to Presidency. John Christie will vacate the Secretary position, too, so we'll be looking for a new Secretary and Vice President. Any volunteers or nominations?

COMING EVENTS:

- **BUS TRIP.** Sorry, if you weren't at the January Meeting you have missed out on this one, it is already completely booked out. Tuesday 10th March, to Yarrowonga and Lake Mulwala via Urana. Luncheon cruise on "Paradise Queen". Visit to Tudor Clock Museum (400 clocks on display) and perhaps a visit to a Rutherglen Winery or a shop walk Cost \$30.50 which includes morning tea at Urana and lunch. Great value! Enjoy!
- **"SHOWBOAT"**. 27th May overnight. Sorry also booked out. Thanks to Zara for her untiring work in arranging these great outings. Zara will make a Waiting List for this trip in case of cancellations. Thanks to those who promptly indicated their intention of making the trip. It should be a great couple of days.
- **COMBINED FRIENDSHIP DAY - WAGGA WAGGA - SAT. 21ST MARCH 1998.** Wagga Leagues Club, Gurwood Street. 10 am. Cost is \$12 per head which includes morning tea and lunch, to be placed in an envelope with name/s thereon and handed to Zara at the February meeting. Stage Entertainment by the Pauline Harvey Group and Guest Speaker - Eddie Kneebone from Albury, Morning tea will be served on arrival from 10 am to 10.30 am in the Club Auditorium. Come along and meet fellow Probians of 21 clubs from as far away Hillston. Remember, a stranger is only a fiend you haven't met. Our Neville (Blamey) is Chairperson of the function, so roll up. It has been asked that Club badges be worn by Probians attending.

STOP PRESS Dinner at the Wagga Wagga Winery on Oura Road, Wednesday night, 11th February was very successful. We had 34 in attendance, including a couple of guests. Good venue, good company, good food and wine, a recipe for a lovely night, which it was. The Manager was a great "mine host" and entertained us with a commentary on the winery from its beginnings in 1991. Thanks from Zara to all who attended to help make a lovely evening,

PCWWGC EXERCISE GROUP. Organiser John Vrolyks - will commence at the Information Centre at 8am on the 25th February with an approximate 7km walk. Roll up. Bring a thermos Contact John if further information needed. Best of luck to the Group.

PCWWGC BOOF GROUP. Jan Williams will hold the first get together in March. More members welcome, especially men!

BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY. *Many Happy Returns* to Dorothy Harris, 9th; Ron Reineker, 11th; Nancy Dunn and Gwen Oakman, 13th; John Whiting 15th; Patricia Bagley, 17th; Max Hale, 19th; Marjorie Reineker and Vi Griffiths, 24th. A close scrutiny shows that 40 people have not yet registered their birth days with us. Sorry but we can't wish you "Happy Birthday" if we don't know when it is. Maybe we'll catch up with you next meeting.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:- Most of us are like tea-bags - only when in hot water do we realise how strong we are.

`Bye for now, *Barb & Ray*

NEWSLETTER – MARCH 1998

Hello again, The first autumn bulletin comes to you, with a desperate need for rain. Let's hope we get at least 50mm or 75mm before the next newsletter.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 24th MARCH - is our next meeting at 1.30 PM. Let's make it a well attended one. We require a new Vice President and Secretary so get your nominations ready. Muriel Waddell expressed her wish for someone else to take over as Programmes Organiser on the committee. As it is our AGM there won't be a guest speaker at the March meeting.

FEBRUARY MEETING.

GUEST SPEAKER at the February meeting was Professor Hadyn Willetts who presented us with a really great insight into life as it is in Japan. Hadyn spent some time in Japan undertaking a study of stone fruits. Thanks, Hadyn, for your most interesting address and the moments of humour (e.g. toilets) involved.

MEETING ATTENDANCE: - 86 present at February meeting, 33 apologies and 2 guests. One of the conditions of PROBUS is that members attend at least 50% of meetings to retain membership of their Club. So if you haven't been attending please try to be present at most meetings if possible. Conversely, if you are going to be away for a long period, please let the committee know.

MEMBERSHIP. - We now have 21 people on the Waiting List. Marlene Anderson has resigned to join Sturt Ladies Probus Club as she has been on their waiting list for some time, so our membership total is now 139. It was decided at the February meeting that if a couple were top of the waiting list they would be admitted rather than splitting them. So perhaps we might have 141 members soon.

ROSTER for the next 2 months:

<u>Kitchen:-</u>	<u>Attendance Register</u>	<u>Afternoon Tea Moneys</u>
March 24th :		
Joan & Bill Barbey	Ruth & John Walker	Joyce Thompson
Faith & Col Butt		
April 28th:		
Ann & Lionel Campbell	Janice & John Vrolyks	Jim Waddell
Pat & George Ceely.		

Contact persons if any worries re roster are Margaret or Bill Nash re kitchen or Pat Bombell for register/afternoon tea.

The BUS TRIP to Yarrowonga and Mulwala last Tuesday was, from reports received, most enjoyable and successful - cruise, food etc. was Al.

PCWWGC EXERCISE GROUP. The "Vrolyk's Brigade", 17 enthusiastic beginners, strode off from the Information Centre about 8 am on February 25th for their first walk along the river and also other waterways and streets in the northern part of the city. No heart attacks recorded, not even blisters! John & Janice were pleased with the roll-up and anyone else interested is very welcome to join in further "jaunts". Walks are held every second Wednesday. More about this at our next meeting, no doubt.

PCWWGC BOOK GROUP. No report yet from last month when meeting was held on same night as Probus Meeting but we're sure new members would be welcome.

BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH. *Many happy returns to....* John Christie 6th; Shirley Steele 7th; Ed Gillard 13th; Beryl Christie 18th; Margaret Hardy 24th; Marie McGuigan 27th and Gill Nash 29th.

We still have 23 birthdays not listed, so, if you haven't done so, please record at our next meeting. The register sheet fill be near the "attendance register".

COMBINED FRIENDSHIP DAY - Leagues Club from 10 am on Saturday, March 21st. Members from PCWWGC are attending. Should be a good day. Don't forget to wear your badge if going.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH: - Are you one of the wives whose husband always collars the Sunday paper first, retains it for an hour and finally passes it to you saying, "There's nothing in it."

`Bye for now, Barb & Ray

NEWSLETTER – APRIL 1998

Hello friends, After our opening comments on the March newsletter we didn't have the heart to begin the April newsletter until it rained - and it has! We will need a follow-up rain but at least it has proved that the atmosphere DOES have some moisture over the Riverina

MARCH MEETING. 87 in attendance which was great, Probians, because Annual-General Meetings are not generally renowned for good attendances. I wonder why?? There were 35 apologies and 8 visitors.

NEW EXECUTIVE 1998-99. OFFICE BEARERS:- Congratulations to Neville Blamey (President), Ronda Hull (Vice President), Wal Baker (Secretary), who were elected to vacant positions and take office from 1st July 1998. Bob Williams has kindly offered to continue his fine job as Treasurer for another 12 months.

COMMITTEE: Congratulations to Marie McGuigan (Programmes Officer) elected to vacant position. Other committee members will continue till June 1999. President Wal thanked all who accepted nomination.

MEMBERSHIP FEES. The AGM of March set the fees as follows:

Initial Membership:- \$19 (which includes \$5 payable once only for badge and pin. Renewal Membership:- \$14 per person.

NB Membership and Renewal will now include \$5 for afternoon teas for 12 months. This will eliminate having to collect 50c each meeting from each member.

MEETING ATTENDANCES. AS mentioned in the March Newsletter, it is one of the rules of Probus Club-, that members must attend at least 50% of meetings unless some extenuating circumstances are advised. This will be reviewed each 6 months (i.e. June and December) and members below the 50% attendance will be asked to advance a reason or reasons why they should not lose their membership. It is not the aim of Probus to terminate membership but continued non-attendance destroys the whole concept of Probus and is denying those on the waiting list their opportunity to share in our fellowship and fun.

RESIGNATIONS. Margaret and Peter Hardy have tendered their resignation from the Club because of other issues. We wish them the best.

FRIENDSHIP DAY at the Leagues Club, Saturday 21st March, was a great success with over 250 attending. New friends were met and Guest Speaker Eddie Kneebone gave us a brilliant fluent and informative address. It was refreshing to hear his unbiased speech on aboriginal affairs.

The **FOSTERS ROSES** visit on 8th April was both pleasant and interesting - indeed a real eye-opener to some of us and well worth the trip and \$3. Jillian Foster provided us with a guided tour and information of the short history (started 10 years ago) of the "rose farm" operated by the Foster family.

COMING EVENTS:

SHOWBOAT: 27th May. Balance of money required by Zara at next (April) meeting, in envelope please, with name thereon.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY - at Mt Buffalo Thursday 2nd July. Dinner and bus will cost \$46 PP. with bus to leave at 8.00AM and back late afternoon. No money required yet.

VROLYKS' EXERCISERS - Proving to be a real success due to the planning and leadership of Jan and John. Activities 8AM on alternative Wednesdays - next walk on 22nd April.

WILLIAMS' BOOK CLUB - Jan reports club going well with 11 members. Comfortable - but room for 4 more. Ring Jan if interested. Meeting nights are the 4th Tuesday of each month - i.e. the same night as our meetings.

GUEST SPEAKER - APRIL MEETING. Muriel continues to find us interesting guest speakers and at the next meeting we will welcome Neil Stubbs, CEO of the Forest Centre, who will speak to us on Abbeyville Housing.

ROSTER for the next 2 months:

Kitchen:- Attendance Register Afternoon Tea Moneys

April 28th:

Ann & Lionel Campbell

Janice & John Vrolyks

Jim Waddell

~~Pat & George Cceely.~~

May 26th :

Topsy Chapple, Dulcie Corben Nancy & Col Dunn
Constance & Linton Davis

Kath Curran

Contact persons if any worries re roster are:- Pat Bombell for attendance register/afternoon tea moneys or Jenny or Ron Ducie for kitchen. Jenny and Ron will be filling in for Margaret and Bill Nash who will be away for our May, June and July meetings.

ATTENDANCE BOOK - Please sign always as evidence of your attendance.

BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL. *Many happy returns to.....*Norma Riley 7th, George Cameron 8th, Coral Lyford 9th, Marj Thomas and Marion Beurle 15th, Dot McCrea 17th, Margaret Sheldon 18th, Norma Steward 19th, Vic Harper 24th, Maurive Salmon 26th, and Pat Whiting 30th.

THOUGHTS OF THE MONTH:

„ Talking without thinking is like shooting without aiming - you never know who you're going to hurt.

„ It takes only a short time for children who are afraid of the dark to develop into teenagers who want to stay out all night.

Best wishes, Barb & Ray.

NEWSLETTER – MAY 1998

Hello friends, The rains have come, the bushfire danger is past and the weather is cooler. Great news even though some have suffered or are suffering flu or viruses.

MEETINGS. 99 at our APRIL meeting. A really pleasing attendance. 22 apologies received and President Wa! welcomed 8 visitors - some of whom are on our Waiting List.

The MAY Meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th. Hope to see you there.

GUEST SPEAKER (April). A very interesting and informative address by Neil Stubbs regarding the Abbeyfield Retirement Village for the Aged. Accommodation for 10 people, male or female. An exercise in community living whilst still retaining independency. Cost is 75% of pension but not necessarily only for pensioners. Visitors able to stay overnight. Thanks very much to Neil.

(May). Guest Speaker will be Ronda Hull who will speak to us about T.A.A.G. (The Actions Awareness Group Inc.) Ronda has given us a little preview of what it's all about but we're not telling you too much - come and hear more. The underlying motto is STOP AND THINK!

MEMBERSHIP. Again 140. Welcome to new member Edna Whitehorn. Unfortunately Betty Hoskins, Topsy Chapple and Dot and Jack McCrea have left us. We bid farewell to these people and thank them for their brief membership. This opens the gate- for 4 new members. The Waiting List will then be 24 so if you are 24th on the list don't panic - it may not be that long till you're officially with us. Some "waiters" are attending meetings in anticipation. They're very welcome.

NB The OFFICIAL ADDRESS of our Club is Box 345, PO Kooringal, 2650.

COMING EVENTS:

MAY 27th and 28th (Wed. and Thurs.) - **SHOWBOAT** - Have you paid the remainder of your \$200 fee? We're all getting excited about this. The bus leaves Cross Street at 9.30 AM on 27th.

JUNE 12th (Friday) - **LUNCHEON** - at TOLLAND HOTEL BISTRO - 12.30 PM - just turn up, pay there. JULY 2nd (Thursday) - **CHRISTMAS IN JULY** at Mt Buffalo. Cost reduced to \$43. Bus already booked out but could be cancellations. Money required by Zara at June Meeting.

More news from Zara later re a trip to the Floriade in Canberra in Sept or October.

GARDEN LUNCH. I believe 22 members had an enjoyable Sausage Sizzle at the Botanical Gardens on 5th May and then went to Tumberumba on 12th May. Barb and I couldn't be at either so a report at next meeting would be welcome.

VROLYKS' EXERCISERS continues to be popular. Last walk 6th May, next walk Wednesday 20th May 8am. Held fortnightly.

BOOK CLUB - Also successful with 11 members. Still room for 3 or 4 more members. Held monthly at Jan's the same night as our meetings. Apologies for having a wrong phone number inserted for you in the April Newsletter, Jan - don't quite know how it happened.

BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY. *Many happy returns to* Ted Bagley 4th, John Walker 5th, Neville Steele 11th, Jill Hyland 12th, Jan Williams 15th, Peter Killalea 15th, Anne Willetts 21st, Esmee Salmon 22nd, Margo Pollard 25th, Bill Barbey 28th, Colin Butt 30th.

ROSTER for the next 2 months:

<u>Kitchen:-</u>	<u>Attendance Register</u>	<u>Afternoon Tea Moneys</u>
May 26th : Dulcie Corben, Olive Dunn Constance & Linton Davis	Nancy & Col Dunn	Kath Curran
June 23rd: Gwen & Neil Feutrill Pam and Ed Gillard	Annett&,Gaynor, Vi Griffiths	Joyce Thompson

NB. 1. Olive Dunn has been substituted for Kitchen next meeting due to resignation of Topsy Chapple. 2. There will not be any Afternoon Tea Money collection from July meeting onwards as new membership fee covers this for the ensuing 12 months.

Contact persons if any worries re roster are:- Pat Bombell for attendance register/afternoon tea moneys or Jenny or Ron Ducie for kitchen.

PHONE NUMBERS. Membership Officer Pat Bombell has noticed that several phone numbers on our membership list are incorrect. After renewal of membership these will be checked to ensure correction.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL. Due on or before 1 st July. More about this next newsletter. **CHANGEOVER DAY - 23rd JUNE.** New office bearers take office. No Committee Meeting, Slices and sandwiches provided for afternoon tea.

THOUGHTS OF THE MONTH:

* No-one has ever said on his/her deathbed, "I wish I'd spent more time at the office....".

* If your hostess asks you to bring a plate, it doesn't mean she is short of crockery.

Best wishes, Barb & Ray.

NEWSLETTER - JUNE 1998

Hello again friends,

Firstly and very importantly our next meeting on 23rd JUNE is CHANGEOVER DAY. Wow, longer days! We bid farewell to Wal Breust as President, John Christie as Secretary and Muriel Waddell as Programme Officer and welcome Neville Blamey (President), Ronda Hull (Vice President) and Marie McGuigan (Programmes Officer). Our sincere thanks to Wal, John and Muriel for jobs well done in getting PCOWWGC " off the ground". Pat Bombell has the press coming. Great idea, Pat.

Our Treasurer, Bob Williams, and other Committee Members will continue their services till June 1999. Thanks to them and keep up the great work. Entertainment at Changeover Day, will be per courtesy of Elaine Baker and Fred Woods. Culinary Capers will be catering for Afternoon Tea at the meeting but the Afternoon Tea charge of 50c will still apply to partly offset the cost of the catering. There will not be a guest speaker at this meeting.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL. Due on or before 30th June. Cost of renewal is \$14 per person, which includes afternoon tea charges. (\$19 for new members includes badge). It would be appreciated if fees could be paid at our next meeting - in named envelope please - to Pat Bombell. To keep our records up to date and to ensure phone numbers etc. are correct please complete the form below and enclose it with your payment.

MAY MEETING – GUEST SPEAKER – Ronda Hull presented an eloquent description of the work of The Actions Awareness Group (T.A.A.G.). Its motto is STOP - THINK! Ronda's figures on loss through vandalism and theft were startling - \$1,000 per person per week over all Australia or \$10,000,000 nationwide each day. As Ronda said, "This lost revenue could employ a great number of unemployed people". The idea of T.A.A.G. is to educate young folk in schools (and older persons too) to think before they act and become more responsible for their actions and we could act as Role Models to help curb crime. T.A.A.G. needs more helpers for distribution of material, etc., so if you would like to help this worthy cause, ring Ronda. Thanks for a most interesting address, Ronda. As you said "Prevention Is Better Than Cure". Good luck.

RECENT NEW MEMBERS. A big welcome to Des Gaynor, Ivan Heinjus, Edna Whitehorn, Claire Rapley, Margaret Kerlin and Percy and Yvonne Condon and to Lynette and Max Fokes and June Pollock, who are also joining us. Membership now 141. Farewell to John and Beryl Christie, who have resigned. **BEST WISHES** for a speedy recovery for anyone currently unwell.

RECENT EVENT:- SHOWBOAT - Wonderful trip enjoyed by all - great weather, great show (especially 2nd half), courteous and friendly bus driver and hostess (Eric and Ruth Hawkins), terrific food, scenic accommodation, very interesting journey through the Olympic Stadium and a scenic viewing of Bowral. Thanks to our organiser Zara for a most enjoyable two days without a hitch.

COMING EVENTS:

- Friday 12th JUNE - Luncheon at Tolland Bistro - \$6 - pay there. Did you enjoy it?
- Thursday 2nd JULY - Bus leaves 8am from Cross Street for Christmas in July at Mt Buffalo - Cost \$43. Please pay per named envelope at our meeting this month.
- Thursday 13th AUGUST -Mystery Tour Bus - \$8.50 plus \$10 or so spending money. Bus departs 9.30am from Cross Street.
- Tuesday 29th SEPTEMBER - Floriade at Canberra. Cost \$15.
- Tuesday 8th DECEMBER - Christmas Luncheon at Commercial Club - \$16 (Earlybird Zara!!!) - More details later.

VROLYKS' EXERCISERS Ring John or Janice for info.

BOOK CLUB Will meet on Tuesday evening 23rd June at Jan's.

ROSTER for the next 2 months:

<u>Kitchen:-</u>	<u>Attendance Register</u>	<u>Afternoon Tea Moneys</u>
June 23rd: Gwen & Neil Feutrill Pam and Ed Gillard	Annette Gaynor, Vi Griffiths	Joan Taylor

July 28th:

Shirley & Neville Steele Marjorie & Philip Thomas	Edith & Max Hale	N/A - no further payments After June
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- Please note CHANGES in roster for June.
- Thanks to Janice & John Vrolyks who filled in for Col & Olive Dunn for May kitchen duties. Col was in hospital, needing surgery. We sincerely hope everything is going well with him and that he has a speedy recovery.
- Jenny & Ron Ducie are doing a great job taking over Kitchen duties in the absence of Margaret & Bill Nash. Any enquiries ring them on 6926 1803, Pat Bombell can be contacted on 6926 4040 for enquiries for attendance register/afternoon tea moneys.

BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE. *Many happy returns to ...Diana Shield -1st; Shirley Preuss—9th; Edna Whitehorn - 10th; Muriel Waddell -11th; Rita Cameron and Wal Baker – 17th; Neil Feutrill – 21st; and June Southwood – 30th.*

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH (From a woman's angle):-*A woman has to do a job twice as good as a man, in half the time, to be considered equal. Fortunately this is not difficult!*

Cheers till July, Barb & Ray.