

NEWSLETTER JULY 1998

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Hello, A Br-r-r-r Winter Greeting to You All,

We hope you are bearing up to the cold weather okay. We're not - but we're lucky to have moved house on a lovely day on Wednesday 1st July and now reside at White Avenue, which, by the way, is aboriginal for "place of many Probians". Don't believe it, but we do have 8 in the street, i.e., 4 families.

CHANGEVER MEETING. Ninety one members attended our last meeting to see President Wal chair the first part of the meeting and then graciously hand over to President Neville. Prior to this Wal gave an in-depth summary of the first 9 months of our successful club and his leadership as Inaugural President has been much appreciated. I think Neville spoke very true words when he referred to Wal as being "always a gentleman". Thanks for a job well done, Wal.

We must also thank John Christie (ex Secretary) and Muriel Waddell (ex Programmes Officer) for the very competent jobs they did too. Thanks Muriel and John. Oh, yes, nice photo of Wal and Neville in the Advertiser!!

We had 27 apologies for the meeting, 9 visitors and 7 special guests from other Probus Clubs. Special guests also included John Clough, Kevin Warden and Ken Downey.

Culinary Capers catered well with a tasty afternoon tea and Elaine Baker and Fred Woods provided talented and enjoyable entertainment. Many thanks Elaine and Fred.

New members Perce and Yvonne Condon were presented with their badges.

MEMBERSHIP.

Thanks to those members who renewed their membership by the 30th June, the due date. However about a quarter of our 140 members are not financial at this stage. If you are one of these you might like to ring Neville or Pat Bombell before our next meeting to let them know of your intentions. Membership will be discussed at our Committee Meeting on 28th July and it appears likely that renewal time may be extended to the end of this month, after which those unfinancial may run the risk of being declared non-members. We do not wish to lose anyone from our club but there are over 20 folk on the Waiting List ready to join.

BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE. *Many happy returns to...* Gloria McPherson 1st; Ann Campbell 8th; Neville Blamey and Annette Gaynor 14th; Kath Curran 16th; Kevin Power 19th; Jan Willett 21st; Jenny Ducie 22nd; Fred Wood 24th; Olive Dunn 25th; Glyn Jones and Tom Read 26th; Elaine Baker 31st.

SPECIAL EVENTS:- PAST:

68 people attended the Lunch at the Tolland Bistro on 12th June. What a great attendance! We believe Tolland had trouble re-stocking their food supply for the rest of the week!!

Sausage Sizzle in the Botanic Gardens on Thursday June 25 - no report - "cowovaday" weather wise.

Christmas in July (July 2) - Barbara and I couldn't go on the trip due to moving but from reports this was most enjoyable - the trip, the food, the company and very good value for \$43. Keep up the great work, Zara!

COMING:

Mystery Bus Tour to ???? - No, we don't know either, but we're going to go to find out. Cost is \$8.50 each, payable per envelope to Zara at the July meeting, please. Bus departs from Cross Street at 9.30 am (Reckon.

I'll almost make it if the weather warms up a bit!!) Please bring about \$15 on the day to ensure coverage of lunch and other possible small costs.

Floriade - Canberra - Tuesday 29th September - \$15 - a few seats left I believe. **Christmas Lunch** - Tuesday 8th December. \$16. No money for Floriade and Christmas Lunch required yet.

JAN'S BOOK CLUB:- The next Book Club Meeting will see a change of venue. It will be held at the home of Edna and Paul Rafferty at 40 Andrews Street, Koorngal, at 10 am on Monday, 27th July. Any enquiries please ring Jan.

VROLYKS' EXERCISERS:- Now have 22 members. Great! They're aiming at 30 and are now walking 7 km. The last walk began at the Aussie Rules Club on Wednesday 8th July at 8 am. Brr-r-r, again. I admire them. Keep up the great work. I'd love to join but my chilblains are too bad at present and soon it will be too hot!!!

GUEST SPEAKER at our July Meeting will be George Barbour, retired former principal of Koorngal High School who will speak on "Myths and Legends of History".

ROSTER for the next 2 months.

- Please note changes because of folk away. - e.g. 6 needed in Kitchen this month with Ducie's away.

As the Ducie's and the Nash's will both be away, please, on this occasion only, ring Barb or me or Norma Steward who has volunteered to guide proceedings for this month, if any worries.

Kitchen:-

Attendance/Apologies Register:

July 28th:

Norma Steward, Norma Riley
Dot & Neil Harris
Ian & Doreen Whiticker

Edith & Max Hale

August 25th:

Esmae and Maurice Salmon
Margaret Sheldon, Diana Shield

Pam and Roger Harris

THOUGHTS OF THE MONTH:

1. If you want to clear the children out of the room just start a story with the words, "When I was young
2. Getting up early on these cold mornings is just a matter of mind over mattress.

A last thought - Wear your badge on 28th - look forward to seeing you there.

Cheers till August, Barb & Ray.

NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 1998

Hello fellow Probians of the PCOWWGC,

A reversal beginning - a quote to begin with. Here it is from The Leader (August 12th):- "By the time you make ends meet they've stretched the ends!" Isn't this the story of many of our lives?

BEREAVEMENT:- Our sincerest condolences to Pat ("Trish") Bagley on the sudden sad loss of her husband Les on 9th August. Our thoughts are with you, Pat, and only time can help to heal the loss but we hope you will continue to join us at Probus.

RESIGNATIONS:- We are sorry to have received resignations from Ron and Marjorie Reineker and from Jan Willett. We wish them well. Thanks for being with us, though only for a short time.

NEW MEMBERS:- I believe our new members, due to the above resignations, will be Olive and Colin Davis and Janet and Eric Norris. A big welcome to these folk.

WAITING LIST:- Now down below 20 - a good time for anyone thinking about joining to get their applications in.

PROBUS PRAYER:- President Neville has acquired the thought-provoking "Probus Prayer" which will be read (by varying people) at the commencement of each future Probus meeting. Thanks Neville. A copy will be available for each member at our next meeting.

JULY MEETING:- Present 89. Apologies 39. Visitors 6. These figures were excellent for such a wet day. It's great to see visitors coming along. The meeting decided to have no limitation on the number of times visitors or intending members join us at meetings but they are asked to please donate 50 cents for afternoon tea to help defray costs. (Members now pay for A.T. as part of their annual membership fee).

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:- 122 financial at July meeting. I believe most or all of the remaining 18 or 19 have since renewed. Anyone unfinancial now, without good reason, will be regarded as no longer wishing to be a member or members, and next on the waiting list will be offered membership.

BIRTHDAYS (AUGUST). Bob Williams 7th, Doreen Whiticker 8th, Gwen Kneebone 9th, [an Whiticker 10th, Ella Bagley 13th, Ellen Heinjus 14th, Gwen Feutrill 16th, Hazel O'Rourke 22nd, Joan Breust 25th, Phillip Thomas 27th. *We hope you have had or will have, a very happy birthday this month.*

Sorry, an error in the last Bulletin - we put "June" whereas it should have been "July" birthdays. Have you let us know your birthday date?

ZARA UPDATE:

Mystery Tour (13th August). Yes! No longer a "mystery" now. The trip was via Downside to Monte Christo (Junee) thence to a tasty snack at "The Pie Kitchen" (Railway Station Junee) with hosts from the Junee Ladies and Mens Probus Clubs joining us, then a tour of the Roundhouse and back via the alternate route to Wagga. A pleasant day was enjoyed by all.

YET TO COME:

Floriade - Canberra - Tuesday 29th September - \$15 - I assume Zara will require your \$15 (in envelope) at our meeting of 22nd September.

Combined Ecumenical Service - at Tree Chapel - Monday 19th October at 11 a.m. - thence lunch in gardens.

Christmas Luncheon - Tuesday 8th December. \$16.

Possibilities:- (a) Lunch at Old Chemist Shop, Adelong; (b) Sausage Sizzle in Botanical Gardens (November).

HELP ROSTER:

With folk away or otherwise unavailable it has been difficult to get helpers the last two months. With the Nash's and Ducies' both away last meeting we were so pleased that Norma Steward took a front running position in the kitchen. Many thanks, Norma. Norma has, in turn, asked me to thank those on the roster and the other good folk who just "hopped in" and helped out. Much appreciated - many hands make light work.

ROSTER FOR NEXT 2 MONTHS :

Kitchen:-

Attendance/Apologies Register:

August 25th:

Margaret Sheldon, Diana Shield
Hull Betty Hoskins, Ellen Heinjus

Vic Harper, Geoff

September 22nd:

Esmae and Maurice Salmon
Jan and Glyn Jones

Jill Hyland, Jean Jenkins

Welcome back to Bill and Margaret Nash. We hope you had a great holiday. If any worries re kitchen service ring Bill or Margare. Thanks to Jenny & Ron Ducie (and Norma Steward last meeting) for undertaking these important duties.

Ring Pat Bombell if any problems re the Register.

GUEST SPEAKERS July Meeting:- Mr George Barbour, retired former principal of Koorringal High School addressed the meeting on the topic "Myths and Legends of History". George was most interesting, and his interest in, and knowledge of, the subject in question was quite amazing. It was a pity to have to halt his enthusiasm so we could be out of the hall by 3.30pm as per agreement. Thanks to George.

August Meeting:- The guest speaker will be Ed Lattouf of the Salvation Army. Ed should enlighten us greatly on the great work of the "Salvos".

NEXT MEETING:- AUGUST 25th.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH:- If it wasn't for the "last minute", nothing would ever get done!
Bye for now, Barb & Ray.

NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 1998

Hello friends, and welcome to Spring,

This is the season, when we get that "get up and go" feeling - weed gardens, plant new shrubs and flowers, get up early to hear the birds chirping (little blighters), start to shed the winter clothing and go places. Go places? Yeah, go places. And talking about going places here's what our tourist organiser Zara has planned for us:

FLORIADE - Tuesday 29th September - Cost \$15 - Please bring this per envelope to our next meeting on 22nd September. (Cockington Green or Federation Square shopping on way home).

OLD CHEMIST SHOP LUNCHEON at Adelong on Thursday 15th October. Bus \$13.50 - Meal \$19.50 (3 course). Bus money for this (i.e. \$13.50) will also be required at our September meeting - separate envelope from Floriade payment please. Zara reports that she needs 40 participants to engage and pay for a bus but is short of this number, or was when we spoke to her recently so if you would like to go please ring Zara immediately, otherwise this trip may not be a "goer".

SAUSAGE SIZZLE - Botanical Gardens - 11.30 am on Tuesday 10th November. **BYO CHRISTMAS LUNCH** - \$16 - Commercial Club - Tuesday 8th December.

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ECUMENICAL CHURCH SERVICE - Monday 19th October 1998 - at the **TREE CHAPEL** - Botanical Gardens, Wagga Wagga. 11.00 am sharp - BYO chairs and refreshments - picnic to follow on the lawns.

A LITTLE ABOUT OUR NEW 1998-99 SECRETARY, WAL BAKER:

Wal Baker was born at Temora and Raised on a district farm. He was educated at a small country primary school and then at the Temora High School. In 1940 he started in the banking industry at Grenfell and was moved to several country branches before joining the army in 1942. He transferred to RAAF aircrew in 1943 and became a navigator and bomb aimer, eventually serving in a Liberator bomber squadron at Darwin. He rejoined the Bank in 1946 at Ariah Park where he met Elaine. After two more Bank moves he was sent to Queanbeyan. Elaine and Wal were married in 1947 and made their first home in Queanbeyan. He was then transferred to Broken Hill and later, worked at several Sydney branches as loans officer and after that in various administrative leading positions in Sydney.

Wal retired from the State Office of the Commonwealth Development Bank in Sydney in 1983 and he and Elaine moved to Taree.

He was President of the Taree Probus Club in 1986.

In earlier years Wal was active in Jaycees and was awarded life membership of its International Senate in 1963. In 1961 he was a member of an Australian Trade Mission to the South Pacific.

Elaine and Wal moved to Wagga Wagga last November. They have a son and daughter, both born whilst at Queanbeyan. Graeme and his family live at Maclean and Robyn and her family live at Oatley. There are five grandchildren.

AUGUST MEETING :- 89 attendees, 49 apologies 49 and 4 visitors. Congratulations members, nearly 100% reponse to either attendance or apologies.

The meeting commenced with the Probus Prayer eloquently read by Constance Davis.

New members inducted were Olive and Col Davis, Janet and Eric Norris, Marjorie and Colin Breckenridge and Ella and Arthur Asgill. A big welcome to PCOWWGC to these folk. Yes, you've made the right decision!

RESIGNATIONS:- Include Norma Lohrey, Ed Oakman, Ann Bolton, Kevin Power and Elitha and Frank Langtry. We thank these people for their attendance in our "early days". We now have 137 members so new members will be invited from the top of our Waiting List.

PROBUS CAR STICKERS, obtained by President Neville, have proved very popular. More to be ordered - \$1 each.

SOCK DRIVE - Roger Harris spoke briefly on this as an easy way of raising a "few bob" and presenting members with an opportunity to get quality Christmas presents. Cost of the woollen Australian made socks range from \$4.75 to \$6.50. Samples and order forms will be available at our next meeting on 22nd September and completed order forms (+ money) will be collected at our following meeting on 27th October. We've heard Roger has not been well but hope he is able to be with us at our September meeting.

GUEST SPEAKERS Journalist Samantha Blair of 2WG made us all sit up with her knowledge and effervescent address re her journalist career. Her work as assistant newsreader for 2WG is only a small part of her work. Her professional yet practical outlook (for one so relatively young) in answering the questions asked by Probus members really impressed us all. Many thanks to Samantha and to Marie for inviting her to speak.

HELP ROSTER:

ROSTER FOR NEXT 2 MONTHS:

<u>Kitchen:-</u>	<u>Attendance/ Apologies Register:</u>
<u>September 22nd:</u> Esmae and Maurice Salmon Jan and Glyn Jones	Jill Hyland, Jean Jenkins
<u>October 27th:</u> Audrey & Peter Killalea Norma and Ian Judd.	Robyn King, Gwen Kneebone

Any worries re kitchen service ring Bill or Margaret. Ring Pat Bombell if any problems re the Register.

BIRTHDAYS (SEPTEMBER). *Happy Birthday to* - Norma Judd and Lorna McQuillan – 1st; Stan Rogers – 3rd; Ronda Hull – 6th; Monro Preuss – 9th; Linton David – 10th; Edith Hale – 13th; Ruth Walker and Barb Fielder – 18th; Constance David – 20th; Bill Prest and Robyn King 30th.

INTRODUCING OUR MEMBERS :- A new innovation by Present Neville at our last meeting was the granting of a FIVE MINUTE TALK for a chosen or volunteer member in which that person gives a brief summary of his or her life. Ron Ducie volunteered to be first at our last meeting (or was he told?) and we all found his short talk very interesting. This is not compulsory but we hope most people will participate. Isn't it a great way to get to know, and to know more about our members? Barb and I are volunteering to be 139 and 140 respectively!!

NEXT MEETING:- Tuesday, September 22nd (next week).

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH:- *Happy are the persons who can laugh at themselves - they shall never cease to be amused!*

Bye for now, Barb & Ray.

NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 1998

Hello again, Fellow Members,

Besides omitting Yvonne Condon's birthday in the September Newsletter, we also forgot a special one-year old birthday. Happy birthday to the PCOWWGC! Yes, we're now over one and we think it has been a very successful first twelve months due to the efforts of our office bearers, committee members and you, our members. Let's keep on having fun!

The SEPTEMBER MEETING began with the reading of the Probus Prayer by Robyn King. (Please join the recitation at the October meeting - bring your sheets). 85 members attended and there were 39 apologies. Come on, members, we need you in attendance or else an apology tendered - not as good as last month when attendance plus apologies were 139. We also had 7 visitors. Our waiting list stands at 23.

GUEST SPEAKERS: - Thanks to Marie for having Ed Latouf, Captain of the Salvation Army in Wagga, address us. Ed spoke briefly of the work of the S.A. in touching lives, keeping kids off the street and helping families. He was born in Egypt on 22/9/62 (36 years on meeting day) and gave an insight into his risky life with his parents, as a Christian vastly outnumbered by Muslims, his migration to Australia and his imminent return to Egypt before he joined the S.A. band and was hooked from there on. What an inspiring and attention holding address from an obviously sincere and devoted person!

GUEST SPEAKER FOR OCTOBER will be Superintendent Chris Bradshaw of Wagga Police. Don't miss it - should be very interesting. If you stay away we'll assume you're in trouble with the law!

Our **BEST WISHES** to Kath Curran, John Vrolyks, Colin Dunn and Roger Harris for speedy recoveries to good health and to any other members who have been ill but we haven't heard of.

SOCK IT TO YOU - Bring your sock orders (on forms given out at last meeting) and cash or cheques. Hopefully Roger Harris will be back to collect these. Remember PCOWWGC gets \$1 for every pair of sock ordered - also a good way to get quality socks for you or as Christmas presents for others. Ring Roger or Pam for further information,

THANKS- Firstly to Ruth and John Walker for bringing back a newsletter from the Coffs Harbour Probus Club whilst holidaying. It's always good to get something from another club. Anyone else have anything?

Secondly, to Pat Bombell and Wal Breust for bringing our membership list up to date. Much appreciated, especially for birthdays and mailing.

Jean and John Pottie (Ladysmith) were presented with their membership badges. A big welcome to Jean and John.

COMING EVENTS: -

Monday October 19th - Combined Probus Clubs Ecumenical Service at the Tree Chapel at the Botanical Gardens at 11am, followed by Picnic in the Gardens. B.Y.O. Meet others.

Tuesday November 10th - B.B.Q. at Botanical Gardens - from 11.30 am on - B.Y.O.

Tuesday December 8th - Christmas Luncheon at Commercial Club. Entertainment, \$16 each. Zara has requested that money for the Christmas Lunch is brought to the next meeting (envelope as usual) so that the Club can be advised of definite numbers, The December Meeting would, in fairness to the Commercial Club, be pretty late.

Tuesday January 26th - This is the date scheduled for our first meeting in 1999 but it is the Australia Day holiday. Will you most likely be able to attend on that day or would you rather see the meeting not held? (There will NOT be a December meeting - Xmas lunch in lieu). Please think about it, as President Neville will no doubt ask your feelings on this at our next meeting. A short Trivial Afternoon (after a brisk meeting and in lieu of a guest speaker) is being given some consideration for that day if enough interested.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS: - Best wishes to these folk who celebrate or celebrated birthdays this month, the premier month. Pat Bombell (5th) Jim Waddell and Audrey Read (both 13th), Elaine Larkin and Roger Harris (both 14th), Max Knight and Lionel Campbell (both 18th), Ray Fielder (20th), Neil Harris (21st), Jean Knight and Dulcie Corben (29th) and Col Dunn (31st). Three sets of "twins" this month.

And now, at last, **INTRODUCING OUR VICE PRESIDENT** : -

Ronda Hull was born in Wagga Wagga and has lived here all her life. Her schooling was at Gurwood Street Public School and Wagga Wagga High School. She completed a TAFE Secretarial Course and then gained employment for Colonial Mutual Life Assurance and later as Secretary to the Water Engineer for Wagga, Mr Bill Hurd. She was privileged to be an ambassadress for the fair City of Wagga Wagga in 1964 and won the first around the world trip - the main part of that trip was being guest of the City of Hull. (Ed. Note - Ambassadress = Miss Wagga Wagga 1964)

After her marriage to Geoff Hull she did some relieving work at various businesses in the city. When her two children were in primary school Ronda did Court Transcription on a permanent part-time basis and then when they were in high school she commenced work for Charles Sturt University and retired from there in December 1996. She and Geoff will shortly celebrate their 33rd wedding anniversary. Their daughter, Melinda, is married and living in Sydney, and their son, Darren, is now living and working in London. In their married life they have travelled extensively around Australia - it was a case of hitch up the caravan, bundle the children in the car and take off.

Ronda's interests now are working for TAAF - The Actions Awareness Group Inc. With their Stop and Think Campaign, her involvement with church as an Elder and other activities, family history, Probus and of course getting fit! Previously, tennis and dancing were activities that feature strongly in she and Geoff's lives along with school activities and things their children were interested in.

HELP ROSTER FOR THE NEXT 2 MONTHS: -

Kitchen: -

October 27th: -

Audrey & Peter Killalea
Norma and Ian Judd.

November 24th : -

Jean and Max Knight
Elitha and Frank Langtry

Any worries re kitchen service ring Bill or Margaret. Ring Pat Bombell if any problems re the Register.

FLOWERING BEARDED IRISES DISPLAY . It has come to our notice that this nursery is being opened to the public, in aid of Kurrajong Early Intervention Service, on Saturday and Sunday, 24th and 25th October daily from 1 pm to 5pm. Cost is \$4, which includes afternoon tea - children free. The display includes many different irises including Tall Bearded (150 different colours alone), Medium Bearded, Siberian, Louisiana and Dutch.

Where? McNickle Road, opposite Silverlight Service Station. Pass the Golf Club entrance and you'll find the nursery a little further on your right. This is not meant to be a commercial but this money-raiser is being conducted by two of our worthy Probians so why not pay a visit and help a worthy cause.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH: -

A parent's philosophy to get things done (a) Do it yourself, (b) Pay someone to do it, (c) Forbid their children to do it.

Regards till November, Barb and Ray.

Attendance/Apologies Register: -

Robyn King, Gwen Kneebone

Coral Lyford

Loma McQuillan

NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 1998

Hello folks,

Welcome to the last newsletter for 1998.

MEETINGS: -

OCTOBER: - 87 members attended the October meeting. There were 46 apologies tendered and we had 7 visitors to the meeting. Gwen Earsman was formally welcomed to the Club with Membership Officer Pat Bombell presenting the membership badge. Welcome, Gwen.

NOVEMBER: - This meeting on 24th November will be the last for 1998 so we'd like to have you with us if you possibly can. Don't forget your copy of the Probus Prayer unless, of course, you know it by heart! We don't have a December meeting and there will also not be a meeting in January as the 26th January, which would normally be our meeting day, is a public holiday for Australia Day. Therefore our next meeting after this one will be on February 23rd, 1999.

Our final get-together for 1998 will be at the CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON at the Leagues Club at 12 for 12,30pm on Tuesday, 8th December. See you there if you're attending.

GiJEST SPEAKERS:

Superintendent Steve Bradshaw of Wagga Wagga Police was a very interesting speaker at our October meeting. He outlined the police commitment to control crime in Wagga and presented statistics showing that Wagga was not a bad place to live in compared with other places in N.S.W. Assault is the worst breach of the law and 70% of this is domestic related. Like elsewhere theft is a problem, mostly to buy drugs. Steve answered several questions from members. Thanks, Steve, for coming.

Our Guest Speaker for this meeting (November) will be John Darnley from the weather bureau at Forest Hill. Should be of great interest.

BIRTHDAYS: -

Happy days to these folk who celebrated, or will celebrate, birthdays in November:

Janice Vrolyks (6th), Nancy Morgan (8th), Flo Burmeister and Hadyn Willetts (9th), Pam Harris, Joy Wayling and Frank Langtry (11th), Faith Butt (12th), Margaret Nash (19th), Elva Westman and John Vrolyks (22nd) and Bernie O'Rourke (25th).

To those of you who celebrate birthdays in December and January (too many to list) we do hope each of your special days are just that, specially happy days.

ROSTER FOR NEXT 2 MEETINGS:

<u>Kitchen:</u>	<u>Attendance/Apologies Register:</u>
November 24th	
Jean and Max Knight	Coral Lyford
Elitha and Frank Langtry	Lorna McQuillan
February 23rd, 1999	
Hazel & Bern O'Rourke	Gwen Oakman
Dorothy & Bill Prest	Margo Pollard

If any worries ring Margaret or Bill Nash (re Kitchen) or Pat Bombell (re Attendance Register).

SADNESS:

Our sincerest sympathies are expressed to Faith Butt on the recent sad loss of her husband, Colin, whom we know has had a long hard battle against illness. Our caring thoughts are with you, Faith.

OUTINGS:

At the last meeting Ruth Walker gave an account of the trip of a sprinkling of members to the Old Chemist Shop at Adelong for lunch. It sounded so good that many members who didn't go were licking their lips!! Also others had an enjoyable day at the Floriade at Canberra just prior to this. Zara will tell you about the Sausage Sizzle at the Botanical Gardens on 10th November.

Our **WAITING LIST** has now swelled to 28 again.

It is **REMEMBRANCE DAY** as we rough out this Newsletter - 80 years since the end of World War I, the "war to end all wars!" (How wrong that statement was in retrospect!) Frank Fielder, my late father, was an original Anzac and fought against "Johnny Turk" on Gallipoli. Naturally I am very proud of him but at this time we remember all who fought, suffered or died to defend our great land - and it is that, even though we whinge a bit sometimes. Ask anyone who's been overseas how it compares. ,

IRIS SHOW: - Bob and Jan Williams reported that \$1,000 was raised through this towards the Kurrajong Early Intervention Service. What a great effort and also a most colourful display of bearded irises. Many Probians took advantage of viewing the display.

CHRISTMAS: Only a few weeks away. It's hard to believe, isn't it? Barb and I would like to thank you all very much for your courtesy and friendship throughout 1998. It has been fun doing the Newsletter (E.& O.E.) for PCOWWGC. May we wish you all a healthy, happy and injury free Festive Season and look forward to being with you again in 1999.

All the very best, *Barb and Ray*.

NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 1999

Dear Friends,

Welcome to 1999. We sincerely hope you are all in good health for the new year and that the festive season was kind to you and didn't leave you, like some of us, with centimetres to shed from around the waist - or maybe it's the clothes. The modern ones shrink a lot!

IMPORTANT! FRIENDSHIP DAY AT LEETON

This is scheduled for Saturday, 20th March. Please note that this annual event will be held prior to our March Meeting so if you wish to go (and we hope many will), you **MUST** bring along \$24 each per cash or cheque, in the usual manner (envelope) to our February meeting (\$12 lunch; \$12 bus fare). It is imperative that numbers are known then so that the required number of buses can be ordered. **FURTHER BRIEF PARTICULARS:-** Venue:- Leeton Soldiers Club. Morning Tea: 10-10.30a.m. Lunch: 1p.m. Tucker: Smorgasbord of hot and cold meals - desert - tea/coffee. No refunds after 12th March in fairness to caterers. Entertainment and Guest Speaker. Bus Departure:- To be announced at next meeting.

NEXT MEETING is at 1.30p.m. on Tuesday, 23rd February, so make a good start to the year by attending our first meeting if you possibly can. It seems ages (November) since we met, doesn't it? The Committee Meeting will be held on the same day at 12.30p.m., prior to the main meeting. Guest Speakers are Alf and Marion Beurle who will speak on their time in Nepal. Should be very interesting.

LAST MEETING (NOVEMBER):- Attendance 93, apologies 38 (only 9 we didn't see or hear from), Visitors 8. Again a reminder (hate "harping" on it) that you must attend 50% of meetings to retain membership. **GUEST SPEAKER** at meeting was John Darnley, from the Bureau of Meteorology (Forest Hill) who gave an interesting talk on weather. Hydrogen balloons are sent skywards every day carrying instruments which measure temperature, air pressure and humidity and half-hourly observations are sent to Sydney for aircraft guidance. No direct forecasts come to us from Forest Hill.

WELCOME to new members Nola and Don Chapman. Hope you enjoy being with us.

The **SOCK DRIVE** raised \$62, thanks to the efforts of Roger Harris - a good result considering Roger had a period of illness amidst the promotion.

PUBLIC OFFICER: Wal Breust has now accepted this position. Thanks Wal.

VISITORS are most welcome to attend our meetings as are intending members so please don't hesitate to bring them along. We do ask that they contribute 50c each towards afternoon tea as A.T. costs are now paid by members in advance in our annual subscriptions. The simplest way of collection is to put this in the black fines bag when John Vrolycks brings it around. You can warn your guests in advance or perhaps "shout" them A.T. as you wish.

DAVIS RAFFLE:- Colin Davis has suggested a new "bit of fun" to our meetings for those who wish to participate. (Not in the least compulsory). Here it is:- Those wishing to participate will be given a numbered ticket when they sign in and are asked to contribute 20c into a nearby bucket. The total contributed will then be converted into \$2 jackpot lottery tickets at or before AT. (Jackpot is now nearing \$8,000,000 if it doesn't go off before our meeting). Finally the door ticket (or tickets) drawn as per a raffle will indicate the winner/s of the lottery tickets. I hope this is the idea - perhaps Col or the executive on committee may vary it a little e.g. 50c in and more winners of \$5 tickets; 10% of any winnings donated back to Probus "funds"!?! Anyway, be in it! Thanks Col. Sounds like fun.

The CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON at the Commercial Club was very enjoyable. We were lucky to have such great entertainment as presented by the Condon/Rogers combination! Many thanks to Yvonne and Shelley.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Yes, it's upon us already. The March meeting (Tuesday 23rd March) will be our A.G.M. at which new executive office bearers and committee members for 1999/2000 will be elected, to begin office in July. Annual Membership Fees will also be set at this meeting. What position would you be willing to accept? Let Neville know.

HELP ROSTER FOR NEXT 2 MONTHS:

KITCHEN:

February 23rd, 1999T

Hazel and Bern O'Rourke

Dorothy and Bill Prest

March 23rd

Patricia and John Whiting

Jan and Haydn Willetts

ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES REGISTER:

Gwen Oakman

Margo Pollard

Shirley and Monro Preuss

If any worries re Kitchen ring Margaret or Bill Nash (69214608) or re Attendances Pat Bombell (69264040).

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:- Best wishes to these members who have (or will have) climbed the "ladder of youth" another rung this month:- Audrey Killalea (Up Mango!) 7th, Dorothy Harris 9th, Nancy Dunn and Gwen Oakman 13th, John Whiting 15th, Patricia Bagley 17th, Max Hale 19th, Vi Griffiths 24th and, finally, Joyce Thompson 28th.
Happy birthday to you all.

ILLNESSES: Flo will report on anyone she's heard of who hasn't been well and we wish these folk a speedy return to good health.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: "You can never change other people - only your attitude towards them". And by the way, a riddle to begin 1999:- "What goes, 99.. thump! 99...thump! 99...thump!?"

(ANSWER NEXT NEWSLETTER).

Best wishes for 1999.

Barb and Ray.

NEWSLETTER - MARCH 1999

Hello again fellow Probians,

No doubt you have all puzzled over the riddle at the end of last bulletin i.e. "What goes, 99.. thump! 99..thump! 99..thump!?" The answer, of course, is "a centipede with a wooden leg!"

FEBRUARY MEETING: 88 attended, there were 41 apologies and we had 4 visitors. 29 people are waiting to become members.

Joyce Thompson eloquently read the Probus Prayer to begin the meeting.

President Neville foreshadowed a motion for the March meeting, "that an amendment to the by-laws be made to increase the membership of the Probus Club of Wagga Wagga Garden City from 140 to 170." After discussion you will be asked to vote on this motion, which was seconded by Wal Breust.

Our thanks go to guest speakers Marion and Alf Beurle (Club Members) who presented us with a most interesting account of their time in Nepal. We can't elaborate because it would take pages but their account was excellent. Look at the interesting guest speakers you are not hearing if you don't attend meetings!! **NEXT MEETING** is on Tuesday, 23rd March at 1.30 pm. It is our **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** and all executive positions will be declared vacant. If the club is to continue to function properly we must have a complete executive. Study the positions at the top of the Newsletter. What could you help with or who could you nominate as being a capable person to carry out one of the positions?

Due to the expected length of the AGM there won't be any guest speaker/s at this meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ted and Gwen Oakman who celebrated their 45th Wedding Anniversary on 27th February. I think this marriage has a fair show of "going the distance," don't you?

FAREWELL to Coral Lyford and John and Patricia Whiting who have resigned from the club. We wish you the best and hope you enjoyed your time with us.

WELCOME to the club to new members Grace and Leo Rodney. Great to have you with us.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:- Shirley Steele 7th, Ed Gillard 13th, Pat Ceely 15th, Marie McGuigan 27th, Bill Nash 29th, Roger Southwood 30th. Hope all you good folk had or will have very enjoyable anniversaries. (Wanted: Birthday dates of Nola and Don Chapman please).

THANKS to Rita Cameron and Roger Harris for their extra turn in the kitchen last meeting - service given promptly and with a smile.

ACTIVITIES:

MARCH 9TH (TUES.) - Tarcutta Textiles. I believe this was very interesting. Zara will report. **MARCH 20TH (SAT.)** - Friendship Day at Leeton.

APRIL 15TH (THURS.) - River Cruise - \$12. 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. Leaves wharf at Eunony Bridge. Money is to be paid at the March meeting if you wish to participate in this. Should be great!

JUNE 27TH (SUN.) - "Old Time Music Hall" Luncheon at Tumut. About \$15. Zara will inform us further on this.

THANKS to John and Jean Pottie who have offered their property at Ladysmith for a barbecue. **MESSAGE FROM STURT LADIES PROBUS** via Ailsa Breasley, Activities Officer. They are having a 5 day (4 nights) trip to Mildura, with day trips to Broken Hill and Mungo National Park on 1st - 5th July and have a few vacancies left if anyone from our club wishes to go. Cost: \$250. Ring Ailsa for further particulars.

HELP ROSTER:

ROSTER FOR NEXT 2 MONTHS:

Kitchen	Attendance/Apologies Register
March 23rd: Marion and Alf Beurle Audrey and Tom Read	Shirley and Monro Preuss
APRIL 27th: Nancy Morgan, Anne Bolton Pam and Fred Wood	Alice Reberger, Kevin Power

If any worries ring Bill or Margaret re kitchen duty or Pat Bombell re Attendances/Apologies Register.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH: *A holiday is never as good as the anticipation!*

Cheers till next month, Barb & Ray.

NEWSLETTER - MARCH 1999

Greetings for mid autumn,

Many thanks to the 93 members who attended our Annual General Meeting last month. We had 30 apologies and 2 visitors. Commencing JULY our NEWLY ELECTED OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS will take office.

Congratulations to those folk newly elected to office and to those who have offered to continue in their positions for a further 12 months. We have every confidence that you will do a great job.

A very big "Thank You" to our retiring officials who have done such a wonderful job in helping to get our club "on its feet" as the saying goes. May you enjoy your well-earned rest!

JOINING FEE: remains as per last year i.e. \$19 for new members (includes Entrance Fee of \$5) and \$14 for continuing members. The membership fee includes afternoon teas. Memberships become due on 1st July and are payable by 1st August, please.

ACTIVITIES DIARY

March 26th (Fri.) Twilight BBQ at Beach. Ruth Walker or Zara to report. April 12th ((Mon.) Golf at Pitch & Putt. How did it go?

April 15th (Thurs.) River Cruise. Magnificent weather, very enjoyable. River becoming low so only 11/2 hrs cruise.

June 27th (Sun.) "Old Time Music Hall" Luncheon at Tumut_ Luncheon cost is \$15 and bus fare \$11. Tumut needs numbers and money early in May so if you have put your name down to go you are asked to bring \$26 each per envelope to this, our April meeting, please. Zara informed me that we have a few more than a bus load so you may get a refund if you would like to take turns at running along behind the bus for a designated distance!! No need to be embarrassed -you'll be given an Olympic Torch so everyone will think you're practising!?! Seriously, Zara will speak to you at our April meeting. I think she may have another activity in mind too. Good on you, Zara.

MOTION: - At this stage the foreshadowed motion by Neville/Wal will be put at this meeting i.e. "that an amendment to the by-laws be made to increase the membership of the Probus Club of Wagga Wagga Garden City from 140 to 170 members".

WAITING LIST: - 31 at March Meeting.

RESIGNATIONS: - Audrey and Tom Reed, so membership is now 138. Two new members to be invited. **LEETON FRIENDSHIP DAY** (March 20th) - President Neville reported that this was a big success. 32 folk attended from our Club (great) and 100 from Wagga. 316 Probians from over the area were present and a very interesting guest speaker spoke about heart transplants and organ donations.

HELP ROSTER:

ROSTER FOR NEXT 2 MONTHS:

Kitchen:-

April 27th:

Nancy Morgan, Anne Bolton
Pam and Fred Wood

MAY 25TH:

Marjorie and Colin Breckenridge
Nola and Don Chapman

Contacts if problems: -
Kitchen - Nancy Morgan

Attendance/Apologies Register:

Alice Reberger, Kevin Power

Muriel Waddell
Gloria McPherson

Attendances - Pat Bombell

BIRTHDAYS: - Best wishes to these "Aries" who celebrated recent birthdays in April: - Norma Riley (7th), George Cameron (8th), Marj Thomas and Marion Beurle (15th), Margaret Sheldon (18th) and Norma Steward (19th). The following "Taurus" folk also celebrate birthdays this month - Vie Harper (24th), Maurice Salmon and Don Chapman (26th).

BOOK CLUB: - Going well but Jan has advised that they have vacancies for 4 additional members. Ring Jan Williams if you'd care to join or see her at the April Meeting.

VROLYKS WALKERS CLUB. A happy little club doing other arranged activities besides walking. John has not been that well for awhile but he has some great "deputies" who take over. See John or Jan for information.

POST MEETING DINNER: - A growing number of our members have been attending the Tolland Hotel for dinner after our meetings. Anyone is invited. See Ruth or John Walker if you'd like to go as booking is necessary. If you shop at Jewels you may be lucky enough to pick up a "two for the price of one meal" offer on the back of your docket.

PLEASE, for insurance purposes, make sure you sign the attendance sheet when attending meetings.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE (Botanical Gardens) will be held at 11 am on Monday 18th October. Long notice but you might like to write it on your calendar.

GOLD COAST RENDEZOUS '99. Sept 6-11. Cost \$150. We have details and enrolment forms. Like one? See me.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: - The only way to get up with a smile is to go to bed with a coathanger in your mouth.

Cheers till May, Barb and Ray.

NEWSLETTER - MAY 1999

Greetings, friends,

We sincerely hope you are bearing up well to the early winter temperatures when it's not even winter yet. Let's hope it warms up a little and that we get some worthwhile rain for our farmers.

MEMBERSHIP:

We regret losing Gloria McPherson and Margaret Sheldon from our ranks but welcome as new members Roma and Bruce Henningham who were inducted at our last meeting.

APRIL MEETING:

93 attended and we had 31 apologies so we had about a dozen folk we didn't see or hear from. Please let someone know if you can't attend. We had 4 visitors at our meeting.

The motion to extend our membership to 160 was defeated narrowly by 51 votes to 38 with 4 abstaining from voting.

The JUNE MEETING will be our Changeover Meeting (of Office Bearers and Committee Members) and arrangements for catering for Afternoon Tea have been made. There may possibly be a need for a small levy towards afternoon tea. This will be decided at next Tuesday's Committee Meeting.

APOLOGIES to Marie McGuigan, our continuing Programmes Officer, whom we inadvertently omitted from our last newsletter. We didn't realise till the eagle eyes of John Vrolyks picked it up.

ACTIVITIES DIARY:

The Vrolyks' Walkers Club, Jan's Book Club and the Golf Afternoons are continuing as successfully as usual. John Vrolyks reported that their club had a great day at Batlow and Adelong on Wednesday 21 st April.

- **TUESDAY 11th MAY** Dinner at Lum Inn. 55 indicated interest initially and 37 attended. I believe the food was lovely. Zara will report on this.
- **SUNDAY, 27th JUNE.** Old Time Music Hall at Tumut. Bus leaves from Cross Street at 11.30am. As the bus holds 46 and 59 have paid their money to go, at least 13 will be travelling by car. Zara was going to attempt to work this out. Good luck, Zara.
- **WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY 4/5 AUGUST.** "The Boy From Oz" in Melbourne. Cost is a cheap \$200 all inclusive. Zara reported that only 2 seats were left on 12th May so get in quickly and you may be lucky enough to be included. Barb and I saw "The Boy From Oz" in Sydney and it's a terrific show. Zara has asked that half the cost of the trip, i.e. \$100 per person, be paid at next Tuesday's May meeting, please. **OUR NEXT MEETING (MAY)** will be held on Tuesday 25th May at 1.30pm. Guest Speaker will be Charles Houen (Solicitor) who will speak on Wills, Power of Attorney and Law in general. The July Guest will be John Winterbottom who will tell us about the early days of Wagga Wagga.

BIRTHDAYS: Congratulations to the following members who have birthdays in May. Grace Rodney (3rd), Ted Bagley (4th), John Walker (5th), Neville Steele (11th), Jill Hyland (12th), Jan Williams (15th), Peter Killalea (15th), Anne Willetts (21st), Esmae Salmon (22nd), Margo Pollard (25th) and Bill Barbey 28th.

ILLNESSES: As we've mentioned in a previous newsletter, we haven't been naming folk who are ill but would rather have our Welfare Officer visit those whom they hear about and have them mentioned at our meetings - it's too easy for us to insult someone by missing them. However we do hope the valued lady members mentioned at our April Meeting are making recoveries. Our thoughts are with them and we wish them a speedy recovery - also anyone else who is ill.

APRIL SPEAKER: Our special guest at our April Meeting was Kerry Howard (attached to Commonwealth Bank) who presented us with a very informative talk regarding changes in the banking system -ATM's, EFTPOS, PHONE and TELE/NETBANK. Frightening? Don't worry; he assured us that manual (over the counter) transactions will always be an alternative.

HELP ROSTER:

ROSTER FOR NEXT 2 MONTHS:

Kitchen:

May 25th:

Marjorie and Colin Breckenridge

Nola and Don Chapman

June 22nd:

Ella & Arthur Asgill

Shirley & Neville Steele

Attendance/Apologies Register:

Muriel Waddell

Grace Rodney

Shelley & Stan Rogers

Contacts if you are unavailable and are unable to get someone to fill in for you: -

Kitchen - Nancy Morgan or

Attendances - Pat Bombell

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: A good bed and good footwear are most essential to our lives because if we're not in one we're in the other!

Till next newsletter, adieu,

Barb and Ray.

NEWSLETTER - JUNE 1999

Hello again,

As this is officially the last Newsletter Barb and I will write to you we'd like to thank you all for receiving it so well and we do hope that it has served its purpose in keeping you informed of our club's activities if you have been ill or have had to miss meetings for some other purpose and also as a reminder of what has transpired and what is to come. We have felt quite honoured to be the initial newsletter producers of the first mixed Probus Club in Wagga.

Our next meeting on 22nd June is our CHANGEOVER MEETING. Except for those who have generously offered to carry on in office it will be the exit of the current committee and the taking over by the new committee. St Alban's Ladies Committee has been engaged to cater for Afternoon Tea, the cost being \$5 per head. However, your committee has decided our club will subsidise half of the cost so each person present is asked to contribute \$2.50. Due to no kitchen work being required we'll transfer the Asgills and Steeles to the July meeting. We'd be very pleased though if Shelley and Stan would still take care of the attendance and apologies registers. Thank you.
MAY MEETING IN RETROSPECT

96 attended and 41 tendered apologies so that meant there was only 3 folk we didn't hear from. What a great result! The best yet. Can we get over 100 in attendance at the Changeover Meeting? Try to join us if you can.

Our **GUEST SPEAKER** was Charles Houen (Solicitor) who armed each member with a brochure on "Wills, Powers of Attorney and other Matters" and presented a most informative talk on these subjects as well as answering several questions from the meeting. Thanks to Charles and also to Marie for getting his services. There won't be a guest speaker at the June meeting.

President Neville, on behalf of the members, expressed **SINCEREST SYMPATHIES** to Ronda Hull (and her son and daughter Darren and Melinda) on the sudden and sad loss of her husband, Geoff, on 24th May. We're all thinking of you Ronda and sincerely hope time will slowly heal the wound. As Geoff had been elected to be our incoming Welfare Officer, Elaine Baker and Ron Ducie have readily offered to assume this important role. Peg Edols was **INDUCTED INTO OUR CLUB** by Pat Bombell. Welcome, Peg, we hope you'll enjoy being with us.

A new **ENROLMENT FORM** has been designed by Pat Bombell and printed copies are available from Pat for anyone wishing to apply for membership.

HELP ROSTER:

Kitchen:-

June 22nd:

Not required (Changeover Day).

July 27th:

Ella & Arthur Asgill

Attendance/Apologies Register:

Shelley & Stan Rogers

Yvonne and Perce Condon Shirley & Neville Steele

Contacts if you are unavailable and are unable to get someone to fill in for you: -

Kitchen - Nancy Morgan

Attendances - Pat Bombell

We have a revised list of members (thanks to Wal Breust & Pat Bombell) so it will now be necessary to have a rerun of duties. Thanks to all who have readily given their help.

BIRTHDAYS - We wish the following folk congratulations on celebrating birthdays in June:

Diana Shield (1st), Arthur Asgill (8th), Leo Rodney (8th), Shirley Preuss (9th), Edna Whitehom (10th), Muriel Waddell (11th), Rita Cameron (17th), Wal Baker (17th), Neil Feutrill (21st), June Southwood (30th).

S.O.S. - "THE BOY FROM OZ" - Have you seen this wonderful show? If not it's one you'll be sorry to miss and the good news is that Zara has a few seats available due to cancellations by some members who were originally going to make the trip but now find they can't go. For \$200 (all inclusive) this is a "steal" - as other bus companies are charging up to \$280. So ring Zara straight away if you'd like to be a late starter and get \$200 in immediately and you're in! On the other hand if more people withdraw the trip will be in danger of being cancelled and that would be a great pity.

ACTIVITIES:

Zara has done a great job and has put a lot of time and effort into arranging outings for us and the Beurles and Jones's have already been very busy and Alf has handed me a list of exciting things they have planned for the future. You'll remember Marion outlined these at last meeting. Here they are:

* **Sunday 27th June.** Old Time Music Hall at Tumut. Some are travelling by car but bus travellers please note that the bus will now leave at 11.00am from Cross Street. ie. 1/2 hour earlier than previously advised by Zara.

• **Tuesday 13th July.** Traditional Christmas in July luncheon at the Manor House, Morrow Street. 12 for 12.30pm. Cost is \$18 each to be paid at this (June) meeting. You may like to decorate your table. Some members will entertain us. *Remember "You can't buy Christmas, you have to make it."*

• **Wed/Thurs. 4/5 August.** To Melbourne for "The Boy from Oz."

• **Tuesday 24th August.** Visit from Tumut Probus Clubs. (To be confirmed).

• **Tuesday 7th September.** BBQ at Botanic Gardens from 11.30am BYO

• **Thursday 16th September.** Day trip to Milawa and N/E Victoria - Brown Bros Winery, cheese factory, mustard and lavender farms. More later. Probably about \$30 each.

• **Thursday 7th October.** Picnic at Pottie's garden at Ladysmith. Bumbank Garden.

• **Mid October.** Overnight trip to Griffith Garden Festival if sufficient interested.

• **Monday 18th October.** Combined Ecumenical Service at Botanical Gardens at 11 am.

Wow, haven't these people done a great job for us?!!

We think you know about the **VROLYKS' WALKING CLUB** and the **JAN WILLIAMS' READERS CLUB** but we've been asked to remind you that **GOLF** is still continuing at the Wiradjuri course (formerly "Pitch and Putt") on the first Monday of each month at 10am for anyone interested.

CANCER APPEAL. Jan Vrolyks asked approval to make a collection for the Cancer Council Biggest Tea Party Appeal at afternoon tea last meeting and people of PCOWWGC showed their generosity by subscribing \$140 (this included the black box fines collection). Congratulations to members for their generosity and Jan says a big "Thank you"

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH: Triumph consists of equal proportions of "try"-ing and "umph". *Goodbye, and thanks for being our readers and friends,*
Barb and Ray.