

## NEWSLETTER - JULY 1999

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*Hello Members,*

One door closes, another opens - I do hope I can keep you informed of all the happenings each month for our Club. I have met some wonderful people during our activities so now I will have to keep in touch through the Newsletter:

Our last meeting was the CHANGEOVER. President Neville welcomed Rotarian John Clough and visitors from other Clubs. There were 99 members present, 37 apologies and 23 visitors including 13 official visitors. The Afternoon Tea was prepared and served by the St. Albans' Ladies and was appreciated by all who were there.

The Changeover meeting commenced with President Neville bringing the 1998-99 Committee to the front where each one was personally thanked for a "job well done". Pres. Neville also gave his annual report which consisted of a condensed version of the Year's Meetings, Guest Speakers and Activities. He went on to thank the members of the Club for the honour and privilege of being their President and that the fellowship and friendship of the members and the highs and lows of the year will remain a memory for many years to come. Vice President Ronda then thanked the members of the Club for their cards, and condolences on the recent death of her husband Geoff - Ronda was then inducted as our new President. She was presented with the Collar of Office, Club Charter and Probus President's Pin. Our new President Ronda then presented Neville with his Past President's Badge and a Certificate of Appreciation. Wal Breust was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his term as Foundation President and Bob Williams received his Past Treasurer's Badge. President Ronda then presented her Committee for the Year 1999-2000 followed by her acceptance speech.

**ENTERTAINMENT.** Elaine Baker and Fred Wood played and sang for our enjoyment. Joan and Bill Corbett were inducted by President Neville - Welcome to our Club.

The Lectern donated by Bob & Jan Williams and their Daughter and Son-in-Law of Cloud Creek Co. was used for the first time.

**RESIGNATION** was received from Vi Griffiths. Our membership is now 139.

**GUEST SPEAKER.** At the July Meeting will be Historian John Winterbottom.

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.** These are due and payable by 1st July to remain financial please ensure the \$14 is paid by the July Meeting to the Treasurer.

**HELP ROSTER:**

**Kitchen:-**  
**JULY 27<sup>TH</sup>:**

Ella & Arthur Asgill  
Shirley & Neville Steele

**Attendance/Apologies Register:**

Yvonne and Perce Condon

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

Kitchen - Nancy Morgan

Attendances - Pat Bombell

**BIRTHDAYS** - Happy Birthday to those celebrating in July:

Ann Campbell 8<sup>th</sup>, Neville Blamey 14<sup>th</sup>, Annette Gaynor 14<sup>th</sup>, Kath Curran 16<sup>th</sup>, Jenny Ducie 22<sup>nd</sup>, Fred Wood 24<sup>th</sup>, Olive Dunn 25<sup>th</sup>, Glyn Jones 26<sup>th</sup>, Elaine Baker 31<sup>st</sup>, Jean Pottie 31<sup>st</sup>.

I thought it would be nice to introduce to you, one of our new Committee Members:- Annette Gaynor - our new Treasurer:

Annette was born in Wagga Wagga and attended school at South Wagga Primary, Eastwood Girls School, Junee Intermediate High and Wagga High. Attended the First Day Secretarial Course conducted by Wagga Technical College. Started work in 1948 as Private Secretary to the Wagga Manager of Queensland Insurance (now Q.B.E.) and held this job till she married in 1955.

She and Des have lived at "Green Hills" Marrar, working and raising 3 children who, between them, have presented them with 7 Grandchildren.

Annette is a member of C.W.A., knits full time and loves any form of Arts and Crafts and Travelling, and of course enjoys Probus and the Walking Group.

**ACTIVITIES.** The new activities team have asked me to keep you informed of the following outings coming up:

**TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>** - BBQ Botanic Gardens - B.Y.O.

**THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>** - Day Trip to Milawa.

**THURSDAY - OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup>** - Picnic at "Potties", Ladysmith.

**FRIDAY to MONDAY - OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>** - Griffith Garden Festival.

More about these at a later date.

**BOY FROM Oz. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> AUGUST** - I have 37 people now going and I would like to remind you the balance of the money is due and payable at the July Meeting, in an envelope, cash if possible and your name on the envelope. Still 3 spare seats if anyone would like to go.

**The "Old Time Music Hall" in Tumut** was without a doubt the most wonderful outing our Club has ever held. 59 of us went by bus and cars and all enjoyed it immensely. We want to go again next year.

**THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**:- Most people are in favour of progress, it's the changes they don't like. Thank you Barb & Ray for printing and posting this Newsletter while Nev & I are away in the West.

Cheers *for now*,  
Zara.

## NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 1999

Hello Members

Who said the winter was nearly finished? Did you look out your windows on the morning of 2<sup>nd</sup> August? It was like snow and -2°!

Attendance was down at the July meeting, mainly because so many members are holidaying up North in the sun. We had 76 members present, 42 apologies and 6 visitors. The Meeting was opened with the Probus Prayer read by our President Ronda.

There are two Probus Clubs in Tumut and approximately 30 members wish to visit our Club at the August meeting to see how our combined Club operates, so come along and make them welcome.

**Subscriptions:** For those who have not paid, these were due at the July Meeting, so please remember your \$14.00 at the next meeting.

**Resignations:** It was with regret that we had to accept resignations from Edith Hale, Colin and Olive Davis and Ian Judd. There were three new members inducted - Aileen and Bob Arthur and Emma Byrne.

Membership now stands at 141.

**Guest Speaker:** The Guest Speaker at our August Meeting will be Thomas Graham who is the manager of the Historical Museum in Wagga. The September Meeting will be addressed by one of our members Maurice Salmon who has just returned from an overseas trip.

Annette Gaynor our Treasurer then gave us a report as to the financial position of the Club to 30<sup>th</sup> June 1999. She also asked that if we were attending a function that payment be made either by cash or if paying by cheque, they be made out to "Garden City Probus Club"

**Welfare Report:** Elaine Baker reported that Clare Rapley and Flo Burmeister are both on the mend. Ron Ducie, the other half of Welfare, then asked anyone who is not well, to please let one of them know, so as they can visit you.

**Golf:** The Pitch and Putt Golf is on again - the 1<sup>st</sup> MONDAY of each month at 10.00am. The next one is 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER and then 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER. **The Activities Team** also have a BBQ on the 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER in the Botanic Gardens at 11.30am. Hope for a nice day - it should be fun. It's BYO - anything you want to eat or drink. See you there! The next trip is MILAWA - 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, the cost will be \$30 - \$35 which is payable at the August Meeting. There are still some seats available.

**The Walking Group:** Our next outing will be 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, to Pomingalarna and when we have walked, there will be a BBQ - BYO meat etc. On the 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY in September we will be driving to the HALL MARKETS, CANBERRA leaving Cross Street at 7.00am. Contact John Vrolyks if you would like to join us.

**Birthdays:** Happy Birthday to those celebrating in August.:

Bob Williams 7<sup>th</sup>; Doreen Whiticker 8<sup>th</sup>; Gwen Kneebone 9<sup>th</sup>; Ian Whiticker 10<sup>th</sup>; Eula Bagley 13<sup>th</sup>; Ellen Heinjus 14<sup>th</sup>; Gwen Feutrill 16<sup>th</sup>; Hazel O'Rourke 22<sup>nd</sup>; Joan Breust 25<sup>th</sup>; June Pollock 25<sup>th</sup>; Phillip Thomas 27<sup>th</sup>.

Apologies to the two members whose birthdays were missed in July - Des Gaynor 12<sup>th</sup> and Margaret Kerlin 11<sup>th</sup>. Hope you had a happy day.

**Our Guest Speaker** was John Winterbottom, historian, who entertained us with tales of early days in Wagga. He obviously enjoys his subject and has researched it to a great degree. It was interesting to hear about the early days of this city which many of us now call home. A vote of thanks was moved by Neville Blamey to John Winterbottom. Our Guest Speaker was presented with a token of our appreciation which was supported by the members by acclamation.

**Help Roster - Kitchen:-** Patricia Bagley Kath Curran Neil and Gwen Feutrill Vic Harper Gwen Earsman.

**Attendance/Apologies:** Jan and Bob Williams

We needed extra people on the Kitchen Roster this month because of our Tumut visitors.

Constance and Linton Davis have kindly offered to assist me with the computer input of this newsletter - thank you so much.

"Boy from Oz" What a wonderful show! 39 of us boarded the bus on the 4<sup>h</sup> and after a great trip to Melbourne, arrived at our lovely motel. After dinner we drove to the theatre. The music was fantastic, the dancing wonderful and the costumes were startling. It's such a shame that a talent like Peter Allan had to die so young. He certainly lives on with the show "Boy from Oz".

Thought for the month "The brightest things you ever say

Are those you think about next day".

`Bye for now

*Zara*

## NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 1999

Hello Members,

If money does not grow on trees, then why do Banks have branches? Hope my little joke has made you smile!

President Ronda opened our meeting with a warm welcome to our Tumut visitors, 24, all of whom seemed to enjoy seeing how our Club was run. There were 90 members present, 38 apologies, and 27 visitors. New members Dorothy and Alan Matthew were inducted and Kath Weale, another new member, was unable to attend. We have a waiting list of 25 so it shows how popular our Club is.

Ron Ducie, Welfare Officer then reported on those members who are not well. Flo Burmeister is recuperating after her stay in hospital, Joan Corbett has injured her shoulder and Marie McGuigan has the Flu. We do wish you all a speedy recovery.

Wonderful to see Dorothy Prest and Jenny Ducie present at our meeting.

The combined Probus Clubs of Wagga Wagga will hold an **Ecumenical Service** in the Tree Chapel, Botanic

Gardens at 11.00AM 18<sup>th</sup> October. If the weather is inclement the service will transfer to Turvey Park Uniting Church, Wooden Street. This will be followed by a "Picnic in the Park" B.Y.O. food & drink and a chair.

**Outings to come:** 7<sup>th</sup> October BYO Picnic & BBQ at 11.30 AM at John & Jean Pottie's home "Milverton". To get there, drive east on the Sturt Highway to Alfredtown (i.e. the Shanty Hotel) then turn right onto the Tumbarumba Road. Take first turn left to Coreinbob. This is before Ladysmith Village. Follow the bitumen Coreinbob Road for about 8 km & when the bitumen finishes you are near the gate to "Milverton" on your left. John & Jean have a large urn and lots of chairs. Come along and enjoy Probus with a nice social day in a lovely country garden. 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> October, Coach trip to Griffith for the Annual Garden Festival. The itinerary includes morning tea at Ardlethan, then on to Griffith for lunch, Pioneer Park Museum, visits to gardens which also have displays of crafts & artefacts. Overnight stay at the Gemini Motel & then on Monday visit the Koala Gourmet Foods, Cranswick Winery, Cottage Gallery, more gardens & home via Leeton. Cost will be \$100 per person, twin share, including Coach Travel, dinner, bed & breakfast & most entry fees. Lunch will be at your own expense. We need bookings & \$50 per person deposit at our September meeting with the balance due by 7<sup>th</sup> October.

The committee are trying to provide some fun and social activities for members. If you have any suggestions please talk to us.

I have been asked by President Ronda to bring the following to your notice: - If a member puts their name down and pays a deposit for an outing then finds they are unable to go, it is their responsibility to find a replacement and notify the Activities Officer; otherwise your deposit may be non-refundable.

In the absence of the Treasurer this report was read by Vice President, Ron Ducie. President Ronda then spoke about the Wagga Radiotherapy Treatment Centre and she hopes that our members will support this very worthy cause. **The Walking Group's** next outing was to Pomigalama, some of the members had not been there and were not aware of the beautiful views over Wagga. We had a BBQ after the walk & it was most enjoyable. One of the Tumut ladies, Fay Lockridge, gave a short speech of thanks to our Club for allowing them to visit. Pat Bombell & John Pottie gave 3 minute talks. It was very interesting to hear of their backgrounds, both were quite humorous & informative.

**September Birthdays:-** 1<sup>st</sup>. Norma Judd, 1<sup>st</sup> Loma McQuillan, 3<sup>rd</sup>. Yvonne Condon, 3<sup>rd</sup>. Stan Rogers, 6<sup>th</sup> Ronda Hull 6<sup>th</sup>. Allan Matthew, 7<sup>th</sup>. Janet Norris, 9<sup>th</sup>. Monro Preuss, 10<sup>th</sup>. Linton Davis, 15<sup>th</sup>. Ivan Heinjus, 18<sup>th</sup>. Ruth Walker, 18<sup>th</sup>. Barb Fielder, 20<sup>th</sup>. Constance Davis, 30<sup>th</sup>. Bill Prest, 30<sup>th</sup>. Robyn King, Happy Birthday to all these people.

**Help Roster:-** Kitchen Bill & Joan Barbey, Joan Breust, Faith Butt

**Attendance / Apologies,** Joy Wayling, Edna Whitehom.

As a result of some negative criticism of the fines collected by our Sgt. at Arms, Vice President Ron Ducie explained to the members present, that the purpose of the fines was to recognise events in their lives i.e. Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries, and any real or imaginary misdemeanours. The amount collected over the last 12 months was \$80-90 & was added to Club funds to be used to subsidise events such as our Changeover. This will continue to be part of our monthly meetings.

I would like to introduce our Vice President Ron Ducie to you with the following profile:

Born at Redfern Police Barracks, the son of a Police Sgt. I became accustomed to moving at an early age - Randwick, Parramatta, Lockhart (5yrs) and Hay. In 1951 telescoped three vertebrae in the spine, diving 20ft into 2ft of water in the Murrumbidgee River at Hay. I was 17 yrs old and told by a Macquarie Street Specialist I would 'never lead an active life' In neck to hip body plaster for four months and fitted with a steel brace with the prospect of wearing it for life, I decided that was not for me!! Nine months later, having told a few 'fibs' to the examining medical officer, I joined the Army as a Recruit. I applied for Officers' College 12months later and was rejected on medical grounds. I started playing Rugby in earnest to prove my fitness, representing Army and Tri - Service internationally. Passed medically fit for Officers' College and graduated as a Lieutenant in 1958. Met and married Jenny in 1959. I served in a variety of regimental (battalion) postings in Sydney, Papua New Guinea, and South Vietnam, the latter as Adjutant of 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment in 1965/66. In 1967/68 I spent 2 yrs in London UK on Australian Army Staff of the High Commission. Returned to New Guinea as a Major in the Pacific Islands Regiment. Subsequent postings were to Townsville (1 RAR), Aust Staff College, Queenscliffe, Senior Instructor

Officer Cadet School at Portsea (Vic), then Canberra. Promoted to LT.COL and for 3 yrs was Director of Recruiting for the Army. Posted to Kapooka in 1983 as Deputy Commandant and retired in 1987 after 32 years (reached my 'use by date'. I had 20 years in Legacy. 16 years in Rotary, 3 years on Wagga Tidy Towns C'tee (we 'won' twice). Currently:- Treasurer of Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga and Fund Raising Chairman, on the Carmelite Men's Committee, Treasurer of TAAG Inc; adviser and provider of moral support to Vietnam Veterans. We have one daughter and two sons (all married), a third son died in New Guinea. (Both sons went through Duntroon) We have 6 grand children (at present) Jenny tells me we lived in 23 houses in 28 years !!!  
We survived.

**Our guest speaker** Thomas Graham was then introduced by Neville Blamey. Thomas is the Manager of the Museums of the Riverina. He came to Australia from South Africa leaving there because of the high levels of crime and the lack of any future for he and his family. He was a very popular speaker and was presented with a token of appreciation by John Vrolyks who moved the vote of thanks.

Thought for the day: -"E cannot give you the formula for success, but I can give you the formula for failure - try to please everybody"

'Bye for now,  
Zara

## NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 1999

Hello Members,

Another month has gone, time is flying by isn't it? Here's a little laugh to start us off: "Where do you weigh a whale?" Answer:- "At a whale weigh station."

What a shock to hear Ronda, our President, had an accident and was in hospital. Our best wishes were sent to her for a speedy recovery.

The meeting was taken by our Vice President, Ron Ducie, and opened with the Probus Prayer being read by Alf Westman. Also Alf and Elva Westman donated a new microphone to our Club which was used for the first time at our September meeting. Thank you both for your generosity.

The meeting then continued with a 5 minute talk by Yvonne Condon which was informative and humorous, and I'm sure everyone enjoyed listening to this.

The next 5 minutes chat was from Stan Rogers who has had such a colourful life he managed to cover his first 35 years before running well over time. Perhaps at a later date he will be able to continue his life story.

Well done Stan.

The Meeting continued with the Treasurer's Report presented by Annette Gaynor.

Our Welfare Officer Elaine then read a card received from Flo Burmeister telling us how well she now felt. She had hoped to be at the meeting but had a visitor and was unable to attend. Joan Corbett is not at all well, her shoulder is not healing. Our thoughts are with you Joan.

**Activities:** - The Milawa trip was a very enjoyable day out and all who attended agreed that Brown Bros. Winery was the highlight.

What a wonderful day we had at John and Jean Potties', about 28 members were present. Thank you John and Jean for having us all at your home.

**Griffith Gardens** – 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October - the bus leaves the Cross Street car park at 8 AM.

**Ecumenical Service** - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October - 11 AM in the Tree Chapel in the Botanic Gardens. If raining, don't forget we will transfer to the Uniting Church, Wooden Street. BYO picnic lunch, drinks and chair to be had in the gardens or if wet at the church.

**Iris Display** – 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2 PM - run by Bob & Jan Williams. Proceeds to Kurrajong Early Intervention Centre - \$4 per adults, children free. This amount includes afternoon tea and a trading table. The Iris Display can be found in McNickle Road, turn right opposite the Silverlight Service Station. I went last year and it was really wonderful.

**Garden Festival** - Botanic Gardens, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> October - run by Sunrise Rotary Club, all day. This is going to be a busy weekend isn't it?

**Tour of Kapooka Army Base** – 9<sup>th</sup> November. Bus leaving Cross Street carpark 9.30 AM, \$5 per head payable at October Meeting. When the bus returns we will have either a late morning tea or early lunch at the Tourist Information Centre carpark.

**Christmas Luncheon** – 7<sup>th</sup> December at the Wagga Boat Club, 12 noon for 12.30. Bring a little Christmas Gift to be given out, about \$2. Also organise your table and some Christmas decorations, there will be a prize for the best one. Cost is \$20 per head to be collected at the November Meeting. This Luncheon replaces our December Meeting.

**Friendship Day - Griffith** 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2000. The cost will be \$12 for the bus, plus \$16 for lunch and some wine, totalling \$28 per person. This will be collected at our January Meeting.

We received a resignation from Bruce & Roma Henningham which was accepted by the Committee. Fay and Ray Grant were inducted as new members and were presented with their members' badges and Kath Weale was also inducted. Welcome to our Club.

There were 82 present, 41 apologies and 4 visitors. We now have 141 members and 28 on our Waiting List.

The Secretary, Wal Baker, holds our copy of the Directory of Probus Clubs. This contains dates, times and addresses of meeting places and contact names and phone numbers for all Clubs in Australia, New Zealand and Norfolk Island. It also lists contact points for Probus Clubs in some overseas countries.

If you are travelling and wish to visit other Probus Clubs while away, this information would be helpful. The Secretary is also holding a Probus Merchandising Catalogue which lists a range of goods which can be purchased. Most of these items carry the Probus Logo.

Wal Baker read out a thank you letter received from the Tumut Ladies Probus Club saying how much they had enjoyed their visit.

John Vrolyks, our Sgt at Arms, then collected 20c fines from quite a few members.

**Notice of Amendment** :- A letter was received from Probus Centre - South Pacific Inc. advising of an amendment to the Probus Club Constitution. This was read to the meeting by our Public Officer, Wal Breust, and will be dealt with at the October Meeting.

**Guest Speaker** at the September Meeting was Maurice Salmon, one of our members, who spoke of his overseas trip to England and Ireland. He had everyone laughing at some of the antics he and his 5 women got up to. The highlight of his trip was his Akubra Hat and how it featured in all his activities.

Our Guest Speaker for the October Meeting will be Jack Bridle from Tumut who will speak of his life and experiences in the Cape York Peninsula.

**Birthdays** for the month of October are:- 5<sup>th</sup> Pat Bombell, 13<sup>th</sup> Jim Waddell, 14<sup>th</sup> Elaine Larkin, 14<sup>th</sup> Roger Harris, 18<sup>th</sup> Max Knight, 18<sup>th</sup> Lionel Campbell, 20<sup>th</sup> Ray Fielder, 21<sup>st</sup> Neil Harris, 27<sup>th</sup> Nola Chapman, 29<sup>th</sup> Jean Knight, 29<sup>th</sup> Dulcie Corben, 31<sup>st</sup> Col Dunn, 31<sup>st</sup> Dorothy Mathew.

**KITCHEN DUTY – OCTOBER:** George and Rita Cameron; Ann & Lionel Campbell.

**ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES - OCTOBER :** John and Ruth Walker.

Thought for the day :- "CHANGE"

*There are only two ways to handle tense situations; You can change them or change the way you look at them; There is enlightenment to be had in changing the way you look at things. – Quote from "The Little Book of Calm"*

*Bye for now*

*Zara*



## NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 1999

Hello Members,

It was good to see our President Ronda back at the helm of our last meeting, let's hope she continues to feel well. Our meeting opened with the Probus Prayer read by Ellen Heinjus.

We had resignations from Jenny and Ron Ducie, Pam and Roger Harris, and Marjorie and Philip Thomas which we accepted with regret.

As Ron Ducie was our Vice President and male Welfare Officer it was essential that the committee chose another member for these positions to be held until the next election of officers in March 2000. It was unanimous that Neville Blamey fill both these positions, congratulations Neville.

Gloria Wooden was to be inducted at the October meeting but was unable to be present. There were 90 members attended, 32 apologies and 5 visitors. President Ronda welcomed the visitors to our club. We now have 134 members and 25 on the waiting list.

A five minute talk was then given by June Southwood which I'm sure we all enjoyed, it was very informative covering her life from early days in South Africa to eventually arriving in Wagga Wagga. Thank you June. This was followed by a short talk by Doreen Whiticker who told us about her trip around Australia ending with the magic of a sunset in Western Australia, Thanks Doreen.

Treasurers report was given by Annette Gaynor, and the Welfare Officer Elaine Baker reports that she received no indication of any sick members for the month, so keep it up.

Our Birthday people for the month are, 6<sup>th</sup> Janice Vrolyks, 8<sup>th</sup> Nancy Morgan, 9<sup>th</sup> Flo Burmeister, 9<sup>th</sup> Haydn Willetts, 11<sup>th</sup> Joy Wayling, 12<sup>th</sup> Faith Butt, 15<sup>th</sup> Col Breckenridge, 19<sup>th</sup> Margaret Nash, 22<sup>nd</sup> Elva Westman, 22<sup>nd</sup> John Vrolyks, 25<sup>th</sup> Bern O' Rourke, 30<sup>th</sup> Aileen Arthur. Congratulations to you all have a wonderful day.

**Friendship Day 2000 in Griffith** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March by bus \$12, morning tea and lunch with some wine \$16. There is some discussion now that one bus may stay overnight to enjoy activities organised by Griffith, they have promised us a good time. Cost will be adjusted by approx. \$35 for accommodation and possibly a little more for the bus. I will tell you more next newsletter.

Instead of, or as well as, the Ecumenical Service next year the Combined Probus Clubs are discussing the merits of a Probus Concert. Think about it, more later.

Our Public Officer Wal Breust then read a Notice of Amendment to the meeting. The motion was then put by him to the meeting that the amendment be accepted, this was seconded by Neville Blamey and passed by the meeting, the amendment was as follows.

To Article 11 (d) "It shall be non-political, non-sectarian" the following sentence to be added: It shall not endorse any candidate for public office and shall not take corporate action at any meeting with the intention of influencing the policies or decisions of government: however the merits of any public question may be a subject of fair and intelligent study or discussion at a club meeting for the information of members.

Christmas Luncheon 7<sup>th</sup> December at the Wagga Boat Club 12 noon for 12.30 Don't forget a Christmas gift (male and female) about \$2 each. Now, table decorations, they are round tables and seat 8 or 10 depending on how many are going. Cost \$20 per head to be paid at the November meeting. Don't forget attendance at this luncheon will count as the December meeting.

There were 24 people came to the Tolland Bistro for dinner after our last meeting. The food and the chatter were good fun.

John Vrolyks our Sgt. At Arms collected 20c fines from quite a few of our members. This was followed by our guest speaker Jack Bridle from Tumut, and although he didn't speak on Cape York Peninsular as was mentioned in the October newsletter he had memories of tripping around Australia as a teenager and the many and varied jobs he survived on, what a marvellous memory for his age - 87.

Vote of thanks was moved by Bill Nash and a momento was presented to him so he would remember our club.

Our November meeting the guest speaker will be David Kennedy who is a wonderful musician and he will speak on Jazz.

**Kitchen Duty November**

George and Pat Ceely  
Nola and Don Chapman

**Attendance/ Apologies November** John and Janice Vrolyks

**THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:**

There is a miracle called friendship  
That dwells within the heart  
And you don't know how it happens  
Or when it gets to start  
But the happiness it brings you  
Always gives a special lift  
And you realise that friendship  
Is God's most special gift.

Bye for now.  
*Zara*

## NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 1999

Hello Members,

I hope Santa Claus comes to each and every one of you and you have a wonderful Christmas. It has come around rather quickly this year but it's exciting to be part of the new millennium.

Our November meeting was opened by President Ronda, followed by the Probus Prayer read by Don Chapman. Attendance was 88 and 36 apologies. Ronda then welcomed the 6 visitors followed by 4 new members who were inducted, Beryl and Murray Aitken, and Joyce and Bob Harrison Welcome to our club. Three other members who were to be inducted were unable to attend.

Fred Wood then entertained the members with an account of his early life, from the days on the farm to marriage to Pam and the trials and tribulations and joys of raising a family He and Pam have now reached the time in life when they can enjoy the fruits of their labour and watch their grandchildren grow.

Joan Corbett was then welcomed back to our meeting by Welfare Officer Elaine, Joan had a fall which has kept her out of action for months.

Our wishes for a speedy recovery went to John Pottie, Alf Westman and Fred Wood.

We now have a full complement of members, 141 and 20 on the waiting list.

Please don't forget the March Meeting is our Election of Officers where all the positions will be declared vacant. Some of the present positions may be filled by existing members, however if you know of someone wishing to take a position all you have to do is nominate that person. Also members, don't forget we need a President for 2000-2001 due to the resignation of Ron Ducie. Our club will not survive unless we have someone to accept this responsibility, so come on all you men, who is going to take care of the club?

The following dates are activities that are being suggested, so get your diaries out and mark on the different dates what you would like to go to.

**Christmas Party at the Boat Club** - 94 members enjoyed a 3 course meal, entertainment by the Timeless Tappers were well received and Christmas carols led by Elaine on organ and Fred singing. The air conditioning struggled to cope on such a hot day but everyone partied on regardless. Wasn't Santa Claus kind he gave each member a gift which I'm sure everyone enjoyed. These are all after Christmas.

**12<sup>th</sup> January Wagga Winery** 6.00 pm for 6.30, \$16.50 for two courses, beer can be taken but wine must be purchased there. No money or names required before hand, lets all meet there at 6.00pm.

**19<sup>th</sup> January a trip to the movies** and then on to the RSL Club for dinner. This has been postponed till February 2000 more later.

**18<sup>th</sup> March 2000** Friendship Day at Griffith

Saturday only cost \$28 pp, Bus morning tea and lunch. Sat/Sun \$71.50 includes as for Saturday plus accommodation and breakfast. Extra cost will be dinner Saturday night and lunch Sunday. Could you please put your money in an envelope with your name at the January meeting, this is required for reservations at the motel.

Treasurers report was then given by Annette Gaynor

**The walking group** had a wonderful trip to Lockhart, this report was given by John Vrolyks, he also collected the fines at our meeting.

**December Birthdays** Pam Wood 1<sup>st</sup>. Jan Jones 6<sup>th</sup>, Perce. Condon 15<sup>th</sup>, Alf Westman 18<sup>th</sup>, Shelley Rogers 30<sup>th</sup> Fay Grant 21<sup>st</sup>.

Afternoon tea was then served after which our **Guest Speaker** David Kennedy entertained us with a talk on 'What is Jazz'.

Musicians who play jazz don't know what they are going to play till they start, the melody is always played by the leader. Rhythm is the whole thing of all the different sounds developed for Jazz. Modern Jazz was started in the 1940's We were then entertained by David playing his Soprano Saxophone, this was most enjoyable.

A vote of thanks was then given by Janice Vrolyks to David for his entertaining talk on Jazz.

**Kitchen Dutv- January 2000**

Joan & Bill Corbett

Perce & Yvonne Condon

**Attendance / Apologies January**

Joyce Thompson Joan Taylor

My thought for the month

Only your real friends will tell you when your face is dirty. Seeing it's the Year of the Older Person how about this one?

If you want to test your memory, try to recall what you were worrying about, one year ago today.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR, SEE YOU IN JANUARY 2000, AND**

**KEEP SAFE.**

`Bye for now.

Zara

## NEWSLETTER-FEBRUARY 2000

Hello Members.

As there was no newsletter in January, I have to get back into the swing of things, there is plenty to tell you about, so here goes.

Our January Meeting was opened by President Ronda who introduced Stan Rogers who then read the Probus Prayer. We had two resignations, Max Hale and Margo Pollard, we are sorry to see them go. New Members are Thomas & Toni Van der Hoeven, Gloria Wooden & Yvonne Homer. Welcome to our Club, hope you all enjoy it, membership now stands at 139. Our January meeting had 74 in attendance, 42 apologies and 23 we didn't hear from. That's not good enough members, if you are unable to attend PLEASE LET SOMEONE KNOW. Our waiting list now stands at 20.

We then had a 5 min. talk from Bern O'Rourke who as a small boy lived at Bunnerong near Botany Bay. He then filled us in on different memories of his later years.

Don't forget MARCH is our election of office bearers, all positions will be declared vacant and nominations taken for all those positions. Please chat amongst the other members and find out who wants to be on the committee. Most important position to be filled is a male PRESIDENT, without this vacancy filled we won't have a club, come on, there must be a leader amongst all you men.

Our Treasurer, Annette, then gave her report to 31 " December 1999.

President Ronda then reminded us that a Probus Concert may be held later in the year in place of the Ecumenical Service. In June this year our Changeover will be catered for by the C.W.A. Ladies **PLEASE NOTE** that our April Meeting this year falls on Anzac Day so the meeting has been changed to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

What a Special Event a Golden Wedding Anniversary is, 4 of our members have reached this 50 years, Esmae & Maurice Salmon & Perc & Yvonne Condon. I'm sure we all wish them future happiness.

As there wasn't a newsletter in January I wish to say Happy Birthday to the 15 people who celebrated during January February Birthdays, Peg Edols 1<sup>st</sup>, Audrey Killalea 7<sup>th</sup>, Dorothy Harris 9<sup>th</sup>, Nancy Dunn 13<sup>th</sup>, Patricia Bagley 17<sup>th</sup>, Joyce Thompson 28<sup>th</sup>.

Friendship Day, Griffith, 18<sup>th</sup> March. This has come around quickly hasn't it? The money will be collected at the February meeting, in an envelope with your name, amount and whether only the day trip or overnight stay. The day trip is \$28, p.p. morning tea and luncheon, overnight stay is \$71.50 p.p.

A letter inviting 6 of our members to a changeover luncheon at the Temora Probus Club was received; the function is on 21<sup>st</sup> March

Jan Jones suggested the following activities

**1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> March Shepparton** - departs 7.45 a.m.- \$45 p.p. Money at February meeting. **22<sup>nd</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>**

**March - "Jolson" Sydney** -\$215 p.p. Please let Jan know if you are interested. **6<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> July** -

**Sound of Music -Melbourne**- \$215 p.p. More at the February meeting.

Afternoon tea was then served after which our **guest speaker**, Ann Fulcher, spoke on the Sydney City Mission-Mission Australia. Unfortunately I am unable to report on this as Neville and I left early on our way to Tamworth, I am sure it would have been most interesting.

### **KITCHEN DUTY February 2000**

Neil & Dot Harris

Bob & Joyce Harrison

### **ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES February 2000**

Norma Steward

Diana Shield

My Thought for the Month

A Garden Recipe

No garden is complete without turnips

Turn up to meetings

Turn up with a smile

Turn up with determination to make everything count for something,

Good and worthwhile.

Bye for now, *Zara*

## NEWSLETTER-MARCH 2000

Hello Members

Lovely to see you all at the February meeting even though the weather was inclement, it was nice to have some rain.

President Ronda opened the meeting; there were 94 members present and 34 apologies. The Probus Prayer was read by Vic Harper, Ronda then welcomed 4 visitors.

A new member was then inducted, Vince King, husband of a long standing member Robyn King. A big welcome to our Club.

The Club now has 140 members, 12 on the waiting list and a further 15 who are not ready to join as yet. The 18<sup>th</sup> of March is the Friendship Day in Griffith, all those going have a wonderful day, I will tell you more in the next newsletter.

Don't forget our March Meeting is the election of Office Bearers, all positions will be declared vacant, and without too much fuss I hope they will be filled again.

The April Meeting date has been changed to Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup>, make a note of this so you wont forget, the change is necessary due to the fact that the fourth Tuesday in April falls on Anzac Day.

June 27<sup>h</sup> this year is our Changeover when the new Executive and Committee will be introduced and take Office. We have a special afternoon tea that day catered for by the Coursing Park- Koorungal CWA Ladies at a cost of \$5. Each of our members will be asked to pay \$2 towards the cost.

A return trip to Tumut Probus Club is being planned; it will be on the first Friday of a month to be advised, so I will keep you informed.

What an interesting 5 min.chat we had from our member Robyn King, born in Lake Cargelligo, she had a blissfully happy childhood. Her interest in music led her to a lifetime of teaching and association with the Arts. Robyn is married and has 3 children.

Another 5 min. talk was given by Bill Prest, born at Young one of 10 children Bill went to Primary School at Wombat, later he married Dorothy and they have 4 children. Much of his life Bill has devoted to Rotary and two things stand out, being able to attend a Rotary Conference in Glasgow, and considered by his Peers to be designated a Paul Harris Fellow.

Our Treasurer gave her report and our financial position is quite sound. This was followed by a report from our Welfare Officer, Elaine who tells us we have no people on the sick list.

**The 7<sup>th</sup> March was the movies** followed by lunch at the William Farrer, hope there was a good roll up. Neville and I were unable to attend as we were in Canberra.

**The John O'Brien Poetry Evening** 20<sup>th</sup> March has been cancelled

**22<sup>nd</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> March "Jolson"**

**1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> May Windang and the Cockatoo Train**, \$200 p.p. deposit of \$50 needed at the March meeting. **23<sup>rd</sup> May - Tuesday - Dinner at the Hospitality Training College T.A.F.E . cost \$20 p.p.B.Y.O. drink. July - Sound of Music -Melbourne.**

**The Walking Group** had a trip to Rutherglen recently, ended up in Albury for dinner, enjoyed by all who went. John Vrolyks leads the group and can be contacted re. time and place.

Fines for the month were collected by John Vrolyks and as usual go to club funds.

**Don't forget a date for your diary ''The Old Time Music Hall'** Tumut late June, more later. March Birthdays, 7<sup>th</sup> Shirley Steele, 13<sup>th</sup> Ed Gillard, 15<sup>th</sup> Pat Ceeley, 15<sup>th</sup> Clare Rapley, 27<sup>th</sup> Marie Mc'Guigan, 29<sup>th</sup> Bill Nash, 30<sup>th</sup> Roger Southwood. Happy Birthday to all these people.

We then had afternoon tea, followed by our guest speaker John Smith, he told us of their trip to Nepal and Tibet. What a wonderful country! Very dry, freezing cold, no food on part of the journey, I ask you, who would want to go there? Nevertheless it was most interesting to hear about and even John tells us you would want to be young and fit. I didn't know a Prayer Wheel should always turn anti-clockwise; these are used to chant to Buddha. John passed lots of photos around which gave us an idea of the country.

Faith Butt moved a Vote of Thanks to our speaker,- John had stepped in at the last moment for which we were most appreciative.

KITCHEN DUTY – MARCH: Ed & Pam Gillard

Fay & Ray Grant

ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES MARCH Roger & June Southwood

30 members went to the Tolland Bistro for dinner after the last meeting.

My thought for the month:

" Character building begins in our infancy ". Bye

for now,

*Zara*

## NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2000

Hello Members,

Isn't the time going by quickly? Hard to believe a quarter of the year has gone already. President Ronda opened the meeting which was followed by Diana Shield reading the Probus Prayer. Two new members were then inducted Bernie & Noreen Langtry, welcome to our club. Attendance at this meeting was 88; apologies were 41 and no visitors present. It was very sad to have resignations from Arthur & Ella Asgill, Bill & Joan Barbey, George Waterson, Vic Harper & Ian & Doreen Whiticker. We accept these resignations with regret.

**March 18<sup>th</sup> was the Friendship Day in Griffith**, it was a very hot day but 376 Probians enjoyed the day. Wonderful Guest Speaker, Entertainers, & Food-what more could you ask. **NEXT YEAR TEMORA. The Temora Changeover Luncheon** was attended by some of our members who came back with glowing reports.

The Treasurers report was then given by Annette Gaynor, followed by a Committee decision to increase the annual fees by \$1 to \$15, this takes effect in June when the fees are payable.

We also had a notification from Probus South Pacific that there was an Amendment to the Constitution: Members could only serve a maximum of three years in any one position.

Our Welfare Officer Elaine, then reported Gwen Earsman is to have surgery, we wish you All The Best Gwen. Neville Blamey who is standing in as Male Welfare Officer reported the following; Stan Rogers was in hospital for a short stay after a very bad fall, and Haydn Willetts was recovering from a fall while out with the walking group. Eric Norris has had a back problem hopefully fixed while in hospital. Hope you people are soon well again.

We had a five minute talk from Elaine Baker, Elaine was born in Temora and spent 21 years on a property at Ariah Park, her young brother Fred is one of our members. They had a very happy childhood even though it was 2.5 to 3 miles to school. Elaine played the piano from the age of three by ear and at 17 was teaching music. Married to Wal Baker in 1947, they have two children & five grandchildren.

Our second five minute talk was by Linton Davis who will be 85 next birthday. At 17 he joined the C.M.F. (Citizens Military Force) and then the A.I.F. Went to Western Australia where he met Constance and married in 1944. They have two daughters. Linton spent many years in a family wholesale fruit and vegetable business in Melbourne and served for some years on the State Executive.

The following are dates for your diary

**1st - 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Trip to Windang and the Cockatoo Train.** Those who have paid \$50 towards their fare will be expected to pay the balance of \$168 pp at the April meeting, this includes all meals. The departure is 7.30 a.m. Cross Street.

**23<sup>rd</sup> May Dinner** at the Hospitality Training College at the T.A.F.E. Cost \$20 p.p. B.Y.O. This outing is booked out, there is a waiting list, but there is no promise of a placement.

**25<sup>th</sup> June ( Sunday) The Old Time Music Hall** in Tumut, I can't tell you any more at this stage, at least we have a date

President Ronda closed the meeting and we enjoyed afternoon tea.

The Annual General Meeting and Election of Office Bearers was then declared open by President Ronda. This was followed by the Treasurers Audited Statement.

Congratulations to all new Committee Members.

The Committee of the **Combined Probus Clubs is organising a Concert** in lieu of the Ecumenical Service, concert to be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> August - venue to be advised.



**The Civic Theatre** is about to re-open and on the 11<sup>th</sup> May will stage a premier performance of an Australian musical " Rebound ". Our Activities Officers will let you know more at a later date.

**Another great outing coming up is Probus Rendezvous 2000 at Armidale** . This will be held from the 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> October. Tour bookings are required by the end of August. Typical temperature in Armidale at that time of the year 21-22 degrees but it can be cool at night. More details later, you may care to visit this city of Art & Culture. April Birthdays: 2<sup>nd</sup> Marj Breckenridge, 4<sup>th</sup> Emma Byrne, 7<sup>th</sup> Norma Riley, 8<sup>th</sup> George Cameron, 15<sup>th</sup> Marion Beurle, 19<sup>th</sup> Norma Steward, 22<sup>nd</sup> John Pottie, 26<sup>th</sup> Maurice Salmon, & Don Chapman. Happy Birthday to you All.

**Kitchen Duty April**, Ivan & Ellen Heinjus, Ed & Pam Gillard

**Attendance / Apologies April**, Maurice & Esmae Salmon

My Thought For The Month

“When you lose your temper, don't look for it”.

'Bye for now

*Zara*

## NEWSLETTER - MAY 2000

Hello Members,

Hope you all had a very Happy Easter and the Easter Bunny left some Eggs at your house. What beautiful weather it has been over the holiday break, and for the Anzac March

Our last meeting, although it was changed to a Wednesday we had a good roll up, 77 present, 35 apologies and no visitors. President Ronda opened the meeting at 1.30 and the Probus Prayer was read by Bob Harrison

Two new members were inducted by President Ronda, Chris and Margaret Johnston., welcome to our Club. This was followed by the Treasurers report given by Annette Gaynor. Our Welfare Officer Elaine Baker was not able to be at the meeting so a report was given by Neville Blarney as to how all the " sickies " were. Gwen Earsman has had her operation and is recuperating at home. Stan Rogers is feeling much better, and Eric Noms is home also recuperating. Hope you all feel better soon.

We had a resignation from Roger and June Southwood which was accepted with regret.

### **A Notice to All Members**

"Probus News" is the official quarterly magazine for Probus Clubs in Australia. When received, copies are made available at our meetings. The Magazine has grown to become a 56 page full colour publication. It includes many advertisements. Probus News is now offering to pay 10% commission for an advertisement secured through a personal introduction. Perhaps you can introduce an advertiser through a business or personal acquaintance. If accepted, the 10% commission will be payable to our Probus Club

We then had a 5 minute talk from Flo Burmeister. Flo was married in September 1944 and moved around quite a few times till going to Tumut in 1956 where she became involved in charity work, and in particular the Boys Club helping to build them their hall. She was kept busy with other charity work and rearing 4 children.

The next 5 minute talk was given by Wal Baker. Wal was born in Temora and school days were often started with a sulky ride. At age 16 he went into the Bank at Grenfell, in 1942 he joined the Army and then transferred to the Air Force in 1943 in Darwin. At the end of the war he went back to the Commonwealth Bank, married Elaine in 1947 and was posted to Broken Hill in 1958. While there he joined Junior Chamber International, led a trade Delegation to Fiji and New Caledonia and was considered worthy of being appointed a Senator within the Organization. Moved to Head Office of the Bank and then retired in 1983 to Taree. Wal and Elaine have a son and a daughter and several grandchildren. Year 1997 saw a move to Wagga Wagga to settle.

The following are outings coming up,

**25<sup>th</sup> June Tumut - Music Hall** - cost is \$10 for the coach and \$10 entry.

**27<sup>th</sup> June Changeover** for our Club, there will be entertainment and afternoon tea, catered for. Each member to pay \$2 .00 The Club will subsidise the additional \$3 per member.

**16<sup>th</sup> August Combined Concert** - our segment is to be organised by Shelley Rogers. Venue is still undecided.

**6<sup>th</sup> October Coolac with the Tumut Club**, activities to start at 10 AM.

**9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> October, Rendezvous 2000** at Armidale.

John Vrolyks then collected the fines for the month,

The Newsletter editor and her assistant have agreed to continue producing a letter for the Club for the year 20002001. The only change will be that the assistant will get equal billing- if he is allowed.

**May Birthdays**, 1<sup>st</sup> Bob Arthur, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grace Rodney, 4<sup>th</sup> Ted Bagley, 5<sup>th</sup> John Walker, 11<sup>th</sup> Neville Steele, 12<sup>th</sup> Jill Hyland, 15<sup>th</sup> Jan Williams. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL.**

**Kitchen Duty – May:** Yvonne Homer, Jill Hyland, Jean Jenkins, and Norma Judd.

**Attendance / Apologies:** - May Leo and Grace Rodney.

**Guest Speaker was Mr. Linton Borland** who is an organiser for Youth Conferencing. The aim of Youth Conferencing is to bring together the perpetrators of crimes and their victims along with the support groups of either party. Open discussions can quite frequently reveal the reason for these acts against the community. The talk was well received and raised questions expressing different points of view.

A Vote of Thanks was moved by Robyn King and the usual token of appreciation was presented to our Guest Speaker.

My Thought For The Month

“Pray for a good harvest but keep on ploughing ”.

'Bye for now

*Zara*

## NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2000

Hello Members

Here we are halfway through the year already, Foggy mornings and cold nights; I guess we have to accept this as winter. Margaret and Bill Nash have escaped up north for the winter aren't they lucky!!

Well back to business, our May Meeting was opened by President Ronda, and this was followed by the Probus Prayer read by Janice Vrolyks.

Four new members were inducted, John Smith, Marie and Donald McPherson and Beverley Haberecht, Welcome to our Club.

We had 89 members present and 35 apologies; there were no visitors at this meeting.

The Treasurer then gave an account of our money situation. Don't forget members our subs are due at the end of June, \$15 and if possible to be paid in cash to alleviate the Bank fees for every cheque we deposit. If you wish, put your money in an envelope with name and amount and bring it to our changeover meeting. A receipt will be issued at the next meeting

A Welfare report was given by Elaine Baker, who read a very nice thankyou letter from Gwen Earsman. This was followed by Neville Blarney giving the male welfare report, Neil Feutrill was in hospital, hope you are recovering Neil! Nice to see Eric Norris and Stan Rogers back at our meeting

All the Committee Members have been asked to prepare a report of the year's activities and hand it to the President by the 10<sup>th</sup> of June to enable her to prepare her year's report.

John Vrolyks then spoke about the **Walking Group**, followed by his "little black bag" collections, this always brings a laugh from the members.

**ACTIVITIES, 25<sup>th</sup> June - Music Hall -Tumut**, Coach departs Cross St. 9am. Cost \$25 [Bus \$10 and Music Hall \$15] morning tea provided, bring a sandwich for lunch, and then nibbles, tea and coffee will be provided at the show.

**27<sup>th</sup> June Changeover Meeting**, This is catered for and the cost will be \$22 per member.

**27<sup>th</sup> July "Christmas in July"**, lunch at the Garden Court Restaurant, 1230 for 1 pm. \$24 pp, names and money in an envelope at the JUNE meeting PLEASE!

**16<sup>th</sup> August Probus Combined Concert**, venue to be advised. An indication of numbers attending is required at the June meeting. If not attending the meeting **PLEASE** let us know. Admission an optional gold coin.

**6<sup>th</sup> October ,Visit to Coolac**, 10am start with morning tea, bring a chair and picnic lunch, more later. The Club wishes to send condolences to Dot and Neil Harris on the recent loss of their son.

THANKYOU TIME.

To the Committee Members for their help and support in the year 1999 -2000.

To Constance and Linton Davis for their help in producing the early days of the Newsletter. To Barb and Ray Fielder for their ongoing assistance with the computer.

To John and Ruth Walker for organising the seating at the Tolland Bistro after our meetings. To all the Members of the Club for their encouragement.

What a wonderful Dinner we had at the TAFE College, well done Jan Jones for organising this.

Two five minute talks were then given. Faith Butt spoke of her school days *in Wagga* and her academic achievements. Later she married Colin and proceeded to raise a family and instil in them the desire to succeed. Life on the *land* was hard but rewarding. This was followed on Faith's behalf by Elaine Baker reading a poem titled "Women of the West."

Neville Blamey was born in Wagga, and completed his education in Sydney. Married Zara Taylor in 1955; has 4 children and 6 grandchildren. He and Zara were Real Estate Agents with their own Agency in Sydney. He was a member of the C.M.F. for many years, a member of Apex, Rotary and Probus. Now retired to Wagga, and in his own words said, "I have indeed had a fortunate life"

**Our Guest Speaker was Bronwyn Buller** who spoke to us about Drugs and Alcohol, she is a counsellor for people who are unfortunate enough to require help in this field, some of the figures she quoted we all found quite alarming. Fred Wood moved a vote of thanks to our guest speaker, and presented her with a Probus pen as a token of our appreciation.

**BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE.** A Very Happy Birthday to the following members. 1<sup>st</sup> Diana Shield, 9<sup>th</sup> Leo Rodney, 9<sup>th</sup> Shirley Preuss, 10<sup>th</sup> Edna Whitehorn, 11<sup>th</sup> Muriel Waddell, 17<sup>th</sup> Rita Cameron, 17<sup>th</sup> Wal Baker, 21<sup>st</sup> Neil Feutrill.

**ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES:** Norma Riley and Alice Reberger.

**No kitchen duty this month.**

My Thought for the Month.

*Help me to accept the things I cannot change Give me the courage to give it a go And the wisdom to enjoy what I've got.*

Take care, talk to you next month.

*Zara*