

NEWSLETTER - July 2001

Hello Members,

The last Committee Meeting for the year 2000-2001 said Goodbye to the following members Annette Gaynor, Elaine Baker, Ronda Lampe, Alf and Marion Beurle, Don and Nola Chapman. Well done to you all. The new Committee will assume their official status in July.

The Changeover Meeting was opened by our President Wal who then read the Probus Prayer. We had 82 members present, 23 apologies and 11 Official visitors representing the other 7 Clubs in Wagga. Treasurer Annette Gaynor gave her last report and thanked everyone for their support during the last year.

A Welfare Report was given by Elaine Baker for the ladies. She had received a card from Jean Jenkins who is home from hospital. Flo Burmeister had an accident in the street and is recovering. Hope you both are better soon. Beryl Aitken out of hospital again and was able to attend our meeting, suitably strapped up and on crutches.

Bill Prest reported on the men, telling us that Ed Gillard is back in Sydney and not well at all.

A resignation was received from Kath Curran and accepted with regret.

Four new members were inducted by President Wal, Keith and Joy Beck and Lyle and Noela Arnell. John Clough our Official Guest and also representing Probus South Pacific supported Wal in his welcome to our new members.

Friendship Day for 2002 will be held in Wagga on the 6. 4. 2002 at the Leagues Club , more about this later.

President Wal then presented his report which covered the activities of each of the committee members and also spoke of the Walking Group, Book Club and the group who meet at the Tolland Bistro after our meetings.

The incoming President Robyn King was then presented with her Collar of Office, Presidents Pin and Club Charter by Wal who in return received his Past President's Pin. The new committee was introduced by President Robyn and given their Committee ribbon.

Afternoon tea was served by the Ladies of the Coursing Park, Yathella CWA and I must say it was beautiful.

This was followed by entertainment provided by two tutors from the Riverina Conservatorium of Music Wagga Wagga introduced by Robyn King, who also accompanied the musicians on the piano. The music played was under the name "Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue". Kathleen Robinson played the flute and Craig Bolton the clarinet. Individual items followed by a duet. The final presentation was by Geoffery Xeros with a piano recital. A young man with a brilliant musical future.

Diana Shield proposed a vote of thanks to the artists which was carried by acclamation.

ACTIVITIES

July 10th -BBQ in the Botanic Gardens -BYO - 12noon

July 31st Christmas in July at the Garden Court Restaurant , 12.30 for 1.00pm, cost \$24 pp payable at the July meeting.

August 8th CHANGED from the 15th. Mystery trip \$35, includes morning tea and lunch. Leaves Cross St car park at 8am. Money July meeting.

August 14th BBQ in the Botanic Gardens -BYO-12noon.

September 4th - Combined Probus Concert, 1.30pm Sacred Heart Church Koorringal September 11^h - BBQ Botanic Gardens-BYO-12noon.

September 19th - Dinner at the TAFE, \$22pp. 6.30 for 6.45pm, 3 course a -la -carte, 1 glass of wine, tea and coffee included, all other drinks BYO.

September 19th -Day trip to the miniature horse stud, morning tea, BBQ lunch, visit a winery, \$35 pp, money at the August meeting. Bus departs Cross St. 8am.

October 9th - BBQ Botanic Gardens, BYO, 12noon.

October 18th - Lunch at the TAFE, 12noon, \$11 pp.

October 29th, 30th and 31st - Trip to Bright - any further enquires to Ray Fielder on 6926-6064.

November 22nd - Lunch at the TAFE, 12noon, \$11 pp. What a great list of outings, see you there.

BIRTHDAY'S FOR JULY. 11th Joyce Harrison, 11th Margaret Kerlin, 12th Des Gaynor, 14th Annette Gaynor, 14th Neville Blamey, 24th Fred wood, 25th Olive Dunn, 26th Glyn Jones, 31st Elaine Baker, 31st Jean Pottie.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL.

ROSTERS FOR JULY.

Hospitality - John and Jean Pottie
Joy Wayling and John Smith

Attendance - No longer required. This will be done by Des and Annette Gaynor and Alf and Marion Beurle for the next 12 months.

The Guest Speaker for July will be Greg Budgen who will speak on the salinity situation in Wagga. Thought for the month.

*With every rising of the sun
Think of your life as just begun.*

'Bye for now
Neville and Zara.

NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2001

Hello Members,

This month is rather a special one for our Probus Club, how many of our Foundation Members recall that on the 26th August 1997 our Club received it's Charter, and so the first Combined Probus Club in this fair City was operational,

"HAPPY FOURTH BIRTHDAY" TO THE PROBUS CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA GARDEN CITY (C) INC.

Neyille and I were not at the July meeting, we were enjoying the warmer weather in Queensland, but all. Good things come to an end and we are back now. Thanks to Ellen Heinjus who took notes at the July meeting we can do the newsletter for you.

President Robyn opened the first meeting of her year in office and I am sure that she can look forward to the support of her committee and each member of the club. The Probus Prayer was read by Bob Arthur. There were 71 members present, 28 apologies and 1 visitor.

A five minute talk was given by Ray Fielder who told the members that he was born in Albury, grew up and went to school in the area and became a teacher. Some will remember he taught for a period at Mangoplah. Our previous Treasurer Bob Williams has returned to the fold for one term, he presented his report and as usual our financial position is quite sound.

Happy to say that Flo Burmeister and Beryl Aitken are both on the mend and were present at the meeting. Bill Prest reports that Ed Gillard is not at all well and we are thinking of him and his family. Also we note with sadness that a member who resigned recently, Leo Rodney, passed away in late July. I am sure that our thoughts are with his wife Grace, and her family.

ACTIVITIES

August 14th BBQ Botanic Gardens, BYO 12 noon.

September 4th Combined Probus Concert, 1.30 pm Sacred Heart Church Koorringal, gold coin donation.

September 11th BBQ Botanic Gardens, BYO, 12 noon.

September 19th Dinner at the TAFE CANCELLED

September 19th Day trip to miniature horse stud, morning tea, BBQ lunch, winery inspection, \$35 pp. Money at the August meeting. Bus departs Cross St. 8 am.

October 9th BBQ Botanic Gardens, BYO, 12 noon.

October 18th LUNCH at the TAFE, 12noon, \$11 pp

October 29th, 30th and 31st. Trip to Bright, there are now 44 people booked for this alpine adventure trip. Anyone else wishing to go will be placed on a waiting list.

November 22nd Lunch at the TAFE, 12 noon, \$11 pp.

December 11th Christmas Party, venue to be advised, make a note in your diary.

Other Probus Clubs Trips 2001

Koorringal Ladies, mystery trip being considered for the 17th October

Wollundry Ladies, Iandra Castle, possibly 17th October, Ring Valerie Cook.

Sturt Ladies, " Mamma Mia ", Melbourne 4th and 5th September. Cost \$218 pp.

Other Probus Clubs Trips 2002

February 23rd. Trip to "Mamma Mia" with Feames Coaches. \$245 pp. If interested ring Ray Fielder or Norma Steward for details.

April 28th to May 4th Central Coast trip, cost \$483 pp. Deposit of \$50 required, check with Ray or Norma.

The July meeting guest speaker was Mr. Greg Bugden from the Department of Land and Water Conservation who gave an interesting talk on salinity. Members of the club were quite surprised to see the areas of Wagga that were covered by this situation. Greg showed on a map the HOT spots in the city, he spoke of the efforts to control the salinity in the Calvary area which affects about 600 homes. Tree planting has been carried out in many spots in an effort to control this creeping pest. Some 40 other towns are affected by salinity. Literature is available from the City Council.

Guest Speaker for August will be Mr. Les Mouat talking about life in China .

In September we will be interested no doubt in hearing from someone from the Lavender Farm.

BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST.

7th Bob Williams, 9th Gwen Kneebone, 10th Joan Corbett, 14th Ellen Heinjus, 16th Gwen Feutrill, 20th Joan Morgan, 25th Joan Breust, 25th June Pollock,

NO CRACKERS NO MUSIC JUST A GREAT BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

ROSTER FOR AUGUST,

Hospitality, June Pollock, Elva Westman , John and Ruth Walker.

Thought for the month:

Two kinds of people fail
Those who listen to nobody and,
Those who listen to everybody.

'Bye for now
Neville and Zara

NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2001

Hello Members,

Strange weather for the beginning of "Spring" wasn't it, however the blossoms are all coming out, the tulips and daffodils are flowering so warm sunny days can't be far away.

President Robyn opened our meeting and the Probus Prayer was read by Flo Burmeister. There were 78 members present, 29 apologies, no visitors, and 8 members from whom we heard nothing. Please remember that one of the requirements of membership is that a member must attend a minimum of 6 meetings a year, or submit an apology. The Committee and other members are interested in the welfare of each and every one of our members and if you aren't at a meeting we would like to know if you are not well, away on holidays or just forgot.

The five minute talk was given by Diana Shield. Her early years were spent on a family farm in South Australia, where she learned to be part of the local community. Boarding school, followed by nursing at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. A year travelling overseas, on her return she married the local Priest and started a family of three girls. Her husband became a Captain in the army and served in Vietnam. The marriage broke up and he died sometime later of a heart condition. Diana is now the proud grandmother of 8 grandchildren. Past President Wal Baker was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his year as President. Treasurer Bob Williams gave his report. Three resignations were received, Col and Marj Breckenridge and June Pollock.

On the occasion of our Fourth Birthday President Robyn asked all the Past Presidents to help her cut the "HUGE" Birthday Cake, sparklers were given to them which they waved around while the members sang Happy Birthday accompanied by Shelley Rogers. Another large cake was cut and supplied to the members at afternoon tea. A good time was had by all.

The **guest speaker at our August meeting was Les Mouat talking on his trip to China**. In 1999 a group of Councillors from a large city not far from Kunming which is the Sister City of Wagga Wagga visited here and were most impressed with our model railway in the Botanic Gardens, As a result Les and a fellow model train enthusiast were invited to advise the Chinese on the project. While they were there a change of Mayor brought about the demise of the project because he felt that the funds could be better spent.

However Les still had plenty of time to look around and his observations are as follows. Everyone rides a bike, some walk but very few, food is very different, not like the Chinese we are accustomed to, NO RICE! Water was undrinkable and no sign of any milk. Everyone was very friendly and anxious to learn more about Australia.

Haydn Willetts proposed the vote of thanks and the usual Probus Pen was presented as a token of our appreciation.

ACTIVITIES

September 4th Combined Probus Concert. This was well attended and for those who didn't go you missed an excellent programme. Our own girls stole the show, congratulations to Shelley, Yvonne, Nancy, Joy and last but not least Gwen. The choir from Kiama performed and their items were well received, however coming from the typist of this article who has little musical appreciation it was felt that the Kiama choir when combined with the Probuskers revealed that we have in Wagga a male choir of which we can be justly proud.

September 11th BBQ Botanic Gardens, BYO 12 noon.

September 19th Day trip to the miniature horse stud, CANCELLED

October 9th BBQ Botanic Gardens, BBO 12 noon.

October 18th Lunch at the TAFE 12 noon \$11 pp.

October 29th, 30th, and 31st Trip to Bright, remaining \$160 to be paid at our next meeting.

November 22nd Lunch at the TAFE 12 noon \$11 pp.

December 4th Christmas Party (note change of date) 12 noon at the Commercial Club , \$18 pp. Lovely Christmas Dinner has been organised, competition for the Best Decorated Table bring a gift to the value of \$5 for man or lady. Entertainment will be provided by the " Shamrocks".

Birthdays for September. 1st Norma Judd, Loma McQuillan, 3rd Yvonne Condon, Stan Rogers, 6th Alan Mathew, Ronda Lampe, 7th Janet Norris, 10th Linton Davis, 15th Ivan Heinjus. 18th Ruth Walker, Barb. Fielder. 20th Constance Davis, 27th Noreen Langtry. 30th Robyn King, Bill Prest.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL

ROSTER FOR SEPTEMBER.

Hospitality:

Col and Nancy Dunn

Flo Burmeister

Emma Byrne

Thought for the month: *Anything you are good at contributes to happiness.*

'Bye for now,
Zara and Neville

NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2001

Hello Members,

"A stranger is only a friend you haven't met yet." What did you think of the new segment of saying "Hello" to those around you? We will soon make friends wont we! It's nice to know all the members.

President Robyn opened the meeting and this was followed by the reading of the Probus Prayer by Pat Bombell. There were 73 members present, 27 apologies and 2 visitors.

The Treasurers report was given by Wal Breust in the absence of Bob Williams. Margaret Nash gave the ladies welfare report and our thoughts are with Nancy Morgan who has two broken arms, hope you are better soon Nancy. The thoughts of our members are also with Gwen Feutrill on the recent loss of her brother. Bill Nash reported on the welfare (men). Neil Feutrill had an accident with a grinder which left him with some 2nd and 3rd degree burns, he is now up and about and his sense of humour seems to have returned. Speakers for the next few meetings will be.

October: David Yap on roses.

November: Allen Lean, Co-ordinator for southern NSW Camp Quality.

December: No guest speaker. Our Christmas Luncheon.

January: Bill Prest (Vice President) to speak on his trip to central Australia.

The results of the recent survey.

1. Lunches, 2. Day Trips, 3. Dinners, 4. BBQ' s, 5. Overnight trips, 6. 5-10 day trips, 7. Trivia. We had Jan Williams tell us about the Iris Show Saturday and Sunday 20th and 21st October. Entry \$4, includes afternoon tea and a trading table will be available. The proceeds assist The Early Intervention Centre. Bob and Jan have this display each year and from our own experience it is a day well worth your support. Open 1pm - 5pm each day. Directions, turn right into McNickle St. opposite the Silvalite service station and go past the entrance to the city golf club, the display is on the right.

ACTIVITIES

October 9th BBQ in the park, BYO everything. Meet at 12noon

October 18th Lunch at the TAFE. \$11 pp, 12 noon pay at the TAFE.

October 29th – 1st November.. Three night trip to Bright.

November 13th BBQ in the park, BYO everything, 12 noon.

November 22nd Lunch at the TAFE. \$11 pp, 12 noon pay at the TAFE.

December 4th Christmas lunch at the Commercial Club. 12noon for 12.30. \$18 pp money in an envelope marked with name at the November meeting please. Competition for the best decorated table. Exchange gift is now only \$2.

December 11th BBQ in the park, usual arrangements BYO everything. 12 noon. The last Probus outing before Christmas.

In place of the usual 5 min. talk we were entertained by Clare King another one of our President Robyn's multi talented family. Clare plays the recorder and is well known in world music circles as a very talented musician. If any one feels that the recorder is played by children in primary school then they should spend some time and hear Clare demonstrate just what can be done with such an instrument.

The guest speaker for September was David Ingram who spoke about his lavender farm at Juneee. He is what can be described as a commercial grower and is currently the President of the Lavender Growers Association. Lavender is used predominantly as a fragrance but can be used in medicines. He brought some different types of lavender and explained the care and work that is involved in producing a decent product. Jan Williams moved a vote of thanks to the speaker and presented him with our usual token of appreciation. Quite a number of suggestions were forthcoming for guest speakers.

1. Representative from the Radiotherapy Centre. 2. Police re youth and drugs. 3. Base Hospital. 4. Home gardening and fertilizing. 5. Major Andrea Davey, Kapooka Band. 6. John Vrolyks on Indonesia. 7. Sandra Firth 2WG. 8. Michael McCormack. 9. Wagga City Library. 10. Murray Aitken Legacy. 11 Bill Rawle Entertainment.

Our Probus Club was asked if we could find some volunteers to assist with the serving of meals for one day (4th October) during a Camp Quality camp at the Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre. They required 4 for each meal, this we were able to do with an extra person for breakfast. Thank you to the members who assisted and Neville and I hope you enjoyed the experience as much as we did.

On the 13th October the Festival of Flowers and Music will take place at St. Johns Church. 10.30 am to 5.00 pm. Cost \$5 pp.

BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER.

2nd Murray Aitken, 5th Pat Bombell. 8th Bernie Langtry. 12th Margaret Johnston. 13th Jim Waddell. 20th Ray Fielder. 21st Neil Harris. 24th Eileen Hargreaves. 27th Nola Chapman. 31st Col Dunn.

ROSTER FOR HOSPITALITY

OCTOBER Peter and Audrey Killalea
 Ronda Lampe
 Eileen Hargreaves.

Thought for the month: *Life is either a daring adventure - or Nothing.*

Helen Keller.

'Bye for now,
Zara and Neville

NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2001

Hello Members,

We always seem to get a downpour of rain on our meeting day don't we? Never mind we had a great meeting with an attendance of 75, apologies from 34 members and a welcome to 2 visitors.

Vice President Bill Prest opened the meeting in the absence of President Robyn.

The Probus Prayer was read by Bernie Langtry, this was followed by a five minute talk from Norma Judd. Norma was born in Victoria and spent her early days on a family dairy. This perhaps commenced her life long interest in the CWA of which she is still a member. Five children, gardening and a nursing career has kept her fully occupied over the years. Norma is still involved in care of the aged.

Our treasurer Bob Williams was away on other duties so his report was given by Bill Prest. The bank balance is healthy even after the costs of the trip to Bright were deducted this last weekend.

Margaret Nash reported on the welfare of our ladies. Nancy Morgan is recuperating and as at the time of going to press her plaster should be off. Gwen Earsman has a broken bone in her foot. Hope you both get better soon. Bill Nash gave his report on the men of the club. Neil Feutrill's progress is slow; Ed Gillard is back in hospital in Wagga. John Walker is at present in hospital having a knee operation. Another member Alf Westman who due to his hearing impairment has not been able to attend our meetings has also had a knee operation. We wish you all a speedy recovery. Bob Arthur our treasurer is off to Sydney shortly to have a Heart By-pass, Good luck Bob.

ACTIVITIES

November 13th Tour of the Riverina Water Treatment plant. Meet at 10.30 am at the plant in Hammond Ave, turn left immediately after the narrow bridge and before the caravan park, the tour will take about an hour and a bit. This will be followed by our usual BBQ in the Botanic Gardens at 12 noon. If any member wishes to attend the BBQ only, then come to the gardens at 12 noon. The attendance is usually between 20 and 30 folk but in view of the beautiful weather we always have in November let's make it a great outing and a BIG CROWD.

November 17th Inspection of the Radiotherapy Centre by courtesy of the Nash boys, Chris and Scott, sons of our Bill and Margaret. Meet at 2 pm at the entrance in Meurant Ave. beside the workmen's huts.

November 22nd Lunch at the TAFE, 12 noon, don't be late. Cost \$11 pp, two courses, a third can be had at a small cost if required. Bookings are essential, we have to advise the TAFE one week prior (15th) Pay at the College on the day. More information re booking can be had from Ray Fielder or Norman Steward, phone numbers in the list of committee members.

December 4th Christmas Party, lunch at the Commercial Club, 12 noon for 12.30. Cost \$18 pp money in an envelope suitably identified at the November meeting please. Decorate tables, \$2 Christmas exchange gift. Entertainment by our own Shamrocks.

December 11th The last BBQ in the Gardens for 2001 Usual arrangements BYO everything, 12 noon.

FUTURE OUTINGS FOR 2002

May 25th and 26th Overnight trip to Canberra to the Daniel O'Donnell Concert at the Royal Theatre, names as soon as possible please, price \$150 - \$170 depending on the cost of the tickets and motel. Proposed trip to Tabourie Lakes - early March or May (near Ulladulla) more information next meeting.

Feanes have an over night trip to "Mamma Mia " 23nd February 2002 , cost \$245, deposit \$80.

As our arranged guest speaker was unable to come to out meeting, he was replaced by Tessa Bremner who was introduced by Ronda Lampe.

Tessa kept us entertained with a talk on her life in the theatre both on the stage and behind the scenes. She has now embarked on a new stage of her career with the formation of her Professional Standard Performance Coaching and Presentation Skills Tuition. Group and private tuition is available, should anyone require more information Zara has a brochure.

BIRTHDAYS

6th Janice Vrolyks, 8th Nancy Morgan, 9th Flo Burmeister, Hayden Willetts, Pam McPhail, 11th Joy Wayling, 12th Faith Butt, 19th Margaret Nash, 22nd Elva Westman, John Vrolyks, 24th Keith Beck, 20th Beryl Aitken, 30th Bob Arthur.

ROSTER FOR HOSPITALITY NOVEMBER

Pat Bombell

Keith and Joy Beck

Shirley Steele

Thought for the month:

"Laugh and the world laughs with you, Snore and you sleep alone" 'Bye for now

Zara and Neville

NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2001 AND JANUARY 2002

Hello Members,

This year has gone very quickly hasn't it, do you all agree? Hope Santa comes to you all and leaves some nice presents. It's a fun time for the little children isn't it and to watch their faces on Christmas morning is worth all the running around we grandparents do.

Our November meeting was opened by President Robyn and the Probus Prayer was read by Margaret Nash. Attendance was 79 and 26 apologies received. We were then entertained by a five minute talk by Gwen Kneebone whose name originated in Cornwall. One grandfather from England and one from Germany leaving her with the maiden name of Schneider. Gwen learnt to ride early in life and rode in the Sydney Royal Show. She has been active in pony clubs for many years and her interest now is learning to master a computer.

Treasurer Bob Williams gave his report and our financial position is quite sound.

Margaret Nash reported on the welfare of the ladies, Muriel Waddell had a nasty fall but is now on the mend, look after yourself Muriel. Eileen Hargreaves is in hospital for an operation, hope you improve quickly. Bill Nash gave his report on the men; Bob Arthur is home from Sydney and recovering slowly. John Walker is out of hospital and improving. Ed Gillard is still not well, we are thinking of you Ed. Since the report John Vrolyks has had his knee operation, get well soon John.

Did you all see the paper with the report on our own Bernie Langtry to be presented with an Australian Football League Life Service Award for his contribution to Marrar football. Congratulations Bernie.

All those who attended our Christmas Party on 4th December would no doubt have enjoyed the food, the friendship and the entertainment by our own "girls". By the way their name is now "Silver and Gold". They were short one member that day as Gwen Kneebone had a fall and broke her elbow a day or so earlier, you were missed Gwen, get well soon. It was great to see Nancy Morgan back with the group.

There will not be a meeting in December as our Christmas Luncheon was counted as one of the twelve meetings for the year. We had 61 present, 11 apologies and 5 visitors.

ACTIVITIES

January 15th Lunch at the Commercial Club, 12 noon, \$5 pp. If you haven't put your name down ring Norma.

February 12th BBQ in the gardens, 12 noon, BYO everything.

February 19th Lunch at the South Wagga Bowling Club, 12 noon, \$6.50 - \$7.00.

April 6th Friendship Day at the Leagues Club, \$20 pp. 10am for 11.30 am start. Please wear your Probus badge. Nancy Bird Walton is the guest speaker.

April 29th - May 3rd 5 day 4 night trip to Tabourie Lakes (near Ulladulla) Price \$ 390 pp twin share. Single supplement \$ 60 . Includes D.B.B, most lunches, some morning teas plus all tours and attractions and entertainment in the evenings. Deposit \$ 50 is required at the January or February meeting please.

May 25 / 26th Daniel O'Donnell Concert Royal Theatre Canberra. D.B.B. and concert tickerts plus more. Price \$170, deposit \$80 required before Christmas.

FUTURE OUTINGS 2002

January 16th - 20th GREASE in the big tent at Bolton Park. Darren Coggin is starring. Tickets \$72 or concession \$62. at 2WG.

January 23rd Overnight to Melbourne to " Mamma Mia". Book at Feames \$245.

October 8th - 11th Probus Rendezvous Auckland New Zealand. "An International Convention of Probians"

Our guest speaker for November was Allen Lean, co-ordinator for NSW for Camp Quality , which is a non profit Organisation providing a camping experience and year round support for children with cancer. As usual most of us who have no connection with families or the children who suffer with this illness have no idea what is required to keep Camp Quality functioning and our guest speaker was able to explain the time and cost element involved. Keith Beck moved a vote of thanks and presented the guest speaker with a Probus pen. No five minute speaker in January, we will be discussing a report received from Probus South Pacific.

BIRTHDAYS DECEMBER. 1st Pam Wood, 5th Jack Morgan, 6th Jan Jones, 16th Perc Condon, 18th Alf Westman, 21st Fay Grant, 26th Chris Johnston, 27th Lyle Arnell 30th Shelley Rogers.

BIRTHDAYS JANUARY. 3rd Ray Grant, 5th Alice Reberger, Kevin McPhail, 9th Alf Beurle, 12th Jean Jenkins, 14th Eric Norris, 15th Wal Breust, Dorothy Prest, 18th Pam Gillard, 20th Martin and Leonie Kendall, 25th Joan Taylor, 27th Zara Blarney.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL.

ROSTER FOR HOSPITALITY

JANUARY: Pat Bombell, Lyle and Noela Arnel.

Thought for the month: *Kind words are always music to a heavy heart.*

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

SEE YOU IN JANUARY 2002 AND KEEP SAFE .

'Bye for now,
Zara and Neville.

NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2002

Hello Members,

So another year begins, seems to me as you get older the time goes more quickly, however as long as your health is good and you are having fun that's all that matters.

Our January meeting was opened by President Robyn and the Probus Prayer was read by Alf Beurle.

Attendance was 72 with 15 apologies and 1 visitor.

Bill Prest spoke about nominations for our coming Election of Officers. We need some one to be our secretary and some one look after membership. Think about these positions neither of them is very hard and I'm sure there are some very capable people in our Club who might say yes.

I heard a lovely story recently about a lady who held up the traffic in both directions in Tarcutta St. early one morning to allow a mother duck and her little ducklings to cross the road, her action was applauded by all the drivers. All I can say is "well done".

Bob Arthur, John Walker and John Vrolyks were welcomed back after their operations also Eileen Hargraves, good to see you all again. If there are any members who know of someone who *is* not well, please let our welfare couple Margaret and Bill Nash know.

While on the subject of Bill and Margaret Nash our members may be interested to know that they recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations to you both.

Instead of the 5 minute talk at our January meeting President Robyn read excerpts from a report from Probus South Pacific. The report sets out in detail the activities and responsibilities of Probus South Pacific and what is required from each Club in the organisation. Unfortunately some of the information contained in the report is necessary because the committee of some Clubs have taken it upon themselves to run their Club in a manner contrary to the Constitution as formulated by Probus South Pacific.

Treasurer Bob Williams gave his financial report which will be discussed at our next meeting.

April 6th is the Friendship Day to be held at the Leagues Club in Gurwood St. Cost \$20 pp, includes morning tea on arrival, lunch and the Guest Speaker will be Nancy Bird Walton. Names and money will be collected at our March meeting. We currently have 115 members so let's have a good roll up on the 6th.

Jan Williams spoke about the book Club and extended a welcome to any of our members wishing to join.

ACTIVITIES

12th February. BBQ in the Botanic Gardens (usual spot) BYO everything. 12 noon.

19th February. NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE. Lunch will be at the Commercial Club not the Astor Hotel. 12.00 for 12.30. Cost \$5, soup, main selection of meats, salad bar and bread rolls.

5th March. 12 noon BBQ in the Park, BYO everything

12th March. Dinner at the TAFE .3 course a la Carte meal, 1 complimentary glass of wine, beer or soft drink. BYO other. Cost \$22 pp.

9th April. Dinner at the TAFE, same as above.

16th April. BBQ in the gardens, BYO everything.

29th April – 3rd May. A 5 day, 4 night trip to Tabourie Lake. Price \$390 pp, includes all meals and day trips, entertainment in the evenings. Coach pickup and return. Excellent value.

25th -26th May Overnight trip to Canberra to see Daniel O'Donnell in concert. Dinner, bed and breakfast at the Canberra City Gateway Motel, entry to the concert and sightseeing. Price \$170 pp.

We have just been advised by Elaine Baker that Wal has had a very serious operation and is in the Base Hospital until he is able to be moved to Calvary. Our thoughts are with you Wal, get better soon.

Our January Guest Speaker was Bill Prest who told us about his recent safari trip to Western Australia. There was a group of 36 people went accompanied by a chef who cooked lovely hot breakfasts and kept them all going. Travelled north to Darwin via Coober Pedy and Alice Springs. At Coober Pedy they slept in underground accommodation, no heating or cooling required because the temperature is constant all the year round. Darwin to Perth via the west coast, Karratha was a point of great interest, Bill said that here on the eastern side of the continent we don't realise just what is happening in the west and recommended the trip to all. The accommodation during the trip was either in motels or camping with all the gear supplied by the bus company, hence the need for a chef.

Our Guest Speakers for February will be Peter Hayne and his wife who are both ex.- Ambulance personnel, they will talk on toxins and nutrition.

Birthday's February. 7th Audrey Killalea, 9th Dorothy Harris, 13th Nancy Dunn, 17th Patricia Bagley, 28th Joyce Thompson. 28th John Smith "Happy Birthday to you all.

Hospitality Roster February: Marie McGuigan, John Smith, Alan Mathew, and Jean Jenkins.

Thought for the month

Our body cells renew themselves whilst we sleep, If only our wallets would do the same!

'Bye for now

Zara and Neville

NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2002

Hello Members,

Can you believe Autumn is with us? The days have been so lovely I hope it continues makes you feel like doing the garden and attending all our Probus outings, I mean it members, come and join us.

We had a great February meeting which was opened by our President Robyn and followed by the Probus Prayer read by Audrey Killalea

Our Guest Speakers Peter and Michelle Hayne were introduced by Neville Blarney in the absence of Beryl Aitken. Peter and Michelle have been health professionals for 12 years and lecture on striving for good health as opposed to an absence of disease. Some of their talk was controversial but they hoped that it would not offend. Pat Bagley moved a vote of thanks and presented our speakers with a Probus Pen.

The break for afternoon tea was enjoyed and judging by the chatter of our 69 members present, we had a great time. We also had 4 visitors and 31 apologies.

Nancy Jones was inducted as a new member, welcome to our Club.

Wal Breust gave an interesting 5 minute talk on his life. Born on a farm at Ariaiah Park, went to school in the area and then to High School in Temora. He joined the Bank of NSW and worked in many parts of the state, returning to Ariaiah Park. He played rugby league and golf and still enjoys a round or two (several days a week) On to work in a general store at Collingullie with his parents, met and married Joan. Joined an oil company and progressed to the position of depot superintendent in Sydney. After this varied career he joined his brother in a Real Estate business in Wagga and eventually retired from there.

Our incoming President Bill Prest is still looking for nominations for the position of secretary for the coming year, if anyone feels that they can help please give Bill a call.

Neville Blamey spoke to the meeting about looking for new members, our club is quite solid but we would like to build on what we have, if any of our folk have friends who they think would enjoy the Friendship and Fellowship of Probus and our Club in particular, bring them along to a meeting, let them see for themselves what we have to offer.

Treasurer Bob Williams gave his report which will be discussed in more detail at the Annual General Meeting in March.

President Robyn called Bill and Margaret Nash to give their welfare report, on coming to the microphone, they were presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers to celebrate their 50^s Wedding Anniversary. The members then sang "For they are jolly good fellows" accompanied by Robyn on the piano.

Don't forget our March meeting is the election of Office Bearers for 2002-2003, all positions will be declared vacant and without too much fuss I hope will be filled again.

Resignations have been received from Eric and Janet Norris, we enjoyed your company and are sorry to see you go. Wal Baker is now home from hospital but is recuperating very slowly.

ACTIVITIES

A list of forthcoming trips from all Probus Clubs for this year was distributed at our last meeting. If you weren't present it will again be available at the March meeting at the sign in area.

12th March Dinner at the TAFE, no more vacancies.

6th April Friendship Day - Leagues Club, \$20 pp 10 am start includes morning tea and lunch. Last opportunity to register at March meeting and pay money. **DON'T FORGET YOUR BADGE.**

9th April Dinner at the TAFE, 3 course A La Carte, 1 complimentary glass of wine, beer or soft drink. Byo other wine. Cost \$22 pp. Assemble 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm start.

16^h April BBQ in the Park

17th April Iandra Castle - we are combining with Murrumbidgee Club. Cost \$55 pp.

29th April Tabourie Lake - 5 day 4 nights, \$ 390 pp, deposit now due, final payment 10th April. **14th May BBQ in the Park.**

16th May Lunch at TAFE, more information later.

25th -26th May Daniel O'Donnell Concert Canberra . \$170 pp, depart 8am and return 4.30 pm next day. Balance of money due March meeting.

6th June LUNCH at the TAFE.

21st - 25th October Combined Probus Clubs trip to the Great Ocean Road for 5 days, \$500 pp, or a 9 day trip for approximately \$ 1000, expressions of interest are required now.

BIRTHDAYS MARCH. 7th Shirley Steele, 13th Ed Gillard, 16th Charlie Sheppard, 27th Marie McGuigan, 29th Bill Nash. Happy Birthday to you all!

HOSPITALITY ROSTER FOR MARCH. Firstly, THANKYOU to Ruth and John Walker for helping with hospitality last month in place of two members who apologised and were not able to attend. **March helpers**, Marie McGuigan, John Smith, Yvonne and Perc Condon.

Giggle for the Month.

A married couple both 60 years old, were celebrating their 35th Wedding Anniversary. A fairy appeared to congratulate them and grant them each one wish.

The wife wanted to see the world. The fairy waved her wand and POOF! - the wife had in her hand tickets for a World cruise

Next the fairy asked the husband what he wanted; he said" I wish I had a wife 30 years younger than me". The fairy waved her wand and POOF! - he was 90.

Thought for the month: *Dogs laugh, but they laugh with their tails.*

Bye' for now

Zara and Neville

NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2002

Hello Members,

Easter has been and gone, time goes so quickly doesn't it? Did your grandchildren get lots of chocolate eggs? Ours had an Easter egg hunt with a plastic bucket to fill, they had such fun.

What great attendance we had for our monthly meeting and AGM. We had 74 members present plus CHARLIE our 101 year old member, 24 apologies and 4 visitors.

The meeting was opened by President Robyn followed by the Probus Prayer read by Marie McGuigan. We had one minute silence in memory of Ed Gillard who passed away recently. Several of our members attended the funeral at the Uniting Church and I am sure the thoughts of all our members are with his wife Pam.

A five - minute talk was given by John Smith. He was born in Lockhart in 1923, and was allowed to shoot at age 10. Attended Yanco Agricultural College from 1936. In 1941 he joined the RAAF and was posted to Saskatchewan in to freezing temperatures and then later posted to England. Eventually back home to farming went on lots of holidays with a Farming Group. One of the highlights of his farming life seemed to be the difficulties experienced with the ever present rabbit. John promised to give us Instalment 2 at a later date.

We then had a short report from treasurer Bob Williams.

Margaret Nash reported on the Ladies Welfare. Faith Butt is back and feeling well. Bill Nash reports that Peter Killalea is home from hospital and is recuperating.

A sad month for two families, Annette Gaynor and Ellen Heinjus lost their mother. The thoughts of our Club are with them and their families.

Norma Steward reported on Activities coming up.

April 16th BBQ in the park as usual.

April 17th Iandra Castle day trip combined with Murrumbidgee Club, cost \$55 pp.

April 29th - May 3rd 5 day 4 night trip to Tabourie Lake. Coach pick up and return. DB&B, day trips and night entertainment. Cost \$390 pp. Final payment 10th April. Bus departs Information Centre at 7.30 am.

May 14th BBQ in the Park, all welcome at 12 noon. This outing usually takes about 2 hours unless you want to sit around and talk.

May 16th Lunch at the TAFE. Names to Norma or Ray please at least one week prior.

May 25th / 26th Daniel O'Donnell Concert. Final full payment due NOW. \$170 pp.

June 6th Lunch at the TAFE, usual booking arrangements apply.

July 9th Christmas in July, venue to be decided.

November 4th 9 day Combined Probus trip to the Great Ocean Road. \$980 pp Approximately.

December 3rd Day trip to Young for the cherries.

Probus South Pacific travel insurance is available on the trips to Tabourie and the Daniel O' Donnell concert. Resignations were received from Kevin and Pam McPhail.

Anyone who books for TAFE lunches or dinners and does not turn up will be charged a \$5 fee pp. There will be an Anzac theme to our April meeting.

The meeting closed at 2.10 pm for afternoon tea and resumed at 2.40 pm for the Annual General Meeting. Minutes of the last AGM were read and confirmed by the meeting. Bob Williams then continued with his report explaining our financial position. A motion was put to the meeting and passed that our joining fee remain at \$5, and the membership fee will be increased to \$20. This increase will apply from 1st July when fees are due for 2002 - 2003

President Robyn then read the nominations and announced the committee for the coming year.

Thanks to all the members who are prepared to assist with the running of the Club.

The new members are invited to attend the committee meetings at 12.15 pm before the general meeting until they take office in June

Alf and Marion Beurle and Des and Annette Gaynor will look after the attendance table..

Easter Eggs were given to all the Birthday boys and girls for Jan, Feb and March by the Easter Bunny.

Wonderful community singing was enjoyed with Shelley - May at the piano and the singing led by Yvonne and Joy.

BIRTHDAYS

2nd Bob Harrison, 4th Emma Byrne, 8th George Cameron, 15th Marion Beurle, 19th Norma Steward, 22nd John Pottie 22nd Bill Corbett, 26th Don Chapman, 26th Maurice Salmon.

HOSPITALITY FOR APRIL

Ray and Fay Grant, Bob and Joyce Harrison.

A man knocked on the door of a house and informed the woman who opened it, "I've come to tune the piano"
But I didn't ask you to come, she said. "No" he replied" but your next door neighbour did ".

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

'Bye for now

Zara and Neville

NEWSLETTER - MAY 2002

Hello Members,

Sorry the newsletter is a little late this month but Nev and I have had the last week in Sydney visiting our son who has been in hospital. He is on the mend now. Also saw our daughter in Cronulla, it was beautiful weather so we really enjoyed the stay.

Our meeting was opened by President Robyn and the Probus Prayer was read by Dorothy Prest, 77 members present, 19 apologies and 10 visitors who were all welcomed to our meeting.

This was followed by a 5 minute talk by Marion Beurle. Marion was born in Sydney, had a wonderful mother and a very strict father. All after school activities were controlled by the clock. She later married Alf and the only things she could cook were Chocolate Crackles and Omelets. They had three children and spent some time managing a dairy farm. Eventually a move to Rosewood where Marion developed a love of walking in the hills which lead to the walking tours they have enjoyed in many parts of the world. Retirement to Wagga where Marion worked for some time at the Base Hospital.

Treasurer Bob gave his report followed by Margaret and Bill Nash who gave the welfare report for the last time before they head off for their annual pilgrimage up north. Bernie and Noreen Langtry will assume their new positions a little early.

The Club received a card from Pam Gillard thanking them for their thoughts on the passing of her husband Ed. Elaine Baker was welcomed back after caring for Wal who is recovering. Neil Feutrill was at the meeting after 11 days in hospital and Rita Cameron has not been well but is on the recovery road.

Norma Steward reported on all the activities coming up.

May 14th BBQ in the park, 12 noon BYO.

May 16th Lunch at the TAFE 12 noon for 12,30, \$11 pp

May 25th – 26th Daniel O'Donnell Concert, Canberra. Depart 8am from Playhouse, arrive 11.30 am, lunch at own expense (morning tea provided on way) Afternoon, go to the new Museum (own expense) return to Canberra Gateway Motel at 4.00 pm. Dinner, then on to the Concert by 8 pm. Sunday go to War Memorial or National Gallery, lunch at own expense. **DON'T FORGET NAME BADGE.**

June 6th There will be a luncheon - venue to be advised next meeting.

July 9th Christmas in July at the Rivergum Restaurant , Homestead Motel (was Country House Motel) Sturt Highway. 12.30 pm - 3-course meal, price \$12 pp. Includes juice and wine. Money in an envelope at the June meeting. Our own "Silver and Gold" will entertain.

November 4th Nine day Combined Probus Trip to the Great Ocean Road - few seats left.

December 3rd Day trip to Young for the Cherries.

The Club had an ANZAC DAY theme for the meeting and our Guest Speaker was Murray Aitken who spoke to us on the meaning of ANZAC and the Military Campaign at Gallipoli

President Robyn then played a CD which had been recorded by the Military Band from Kapooka; one of the numbers was Waltzing Matilda through which a band member played the haunting notes of the Last Post. Murray Aitken closed his address with the "ODE".

We were then entertained by our own group "Silver and Gold" with a medley of Anzac Day songs. This was most enjoyable.

May Birthdays

1st Bob Arthur, 5th John Walker, 15th Peter Killalea and Jan Williams, 16th Gwen Earsman, 21st Anne Willetts, 26th Esmae Salmon.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL.

May Hospitality Roster:

Patricia Bagley, Flo Burmeister Haydn and Anne Willetts.

The Guest Speaker for the May meeting will be a lady from the Cancer Council.

Thought for the Month: *You can't stay mad at someone who makes you laugh.*

'Bye for now

Zara and Neville

NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2002

Hello Members,

This is "The Blameys" last Newsletter can't believe three years have gone so quickly. Next month your new Editor, Chris Johnston will be sending out the Newsletter and I do hope he enjoys keeping you informed of all the happenings, as much as Neville and I have.

The last meeting was opened by Neville Blamey as our President Robyn was away in Queensland and Bill Prest our Vice President has been in hospital. The Probus Prayer was read by Ellen Heinjus There were 58 members present, 39 apologies and 5 visitors.

Our next meeting will be our Changeover so ail come along and welcome our new Committee; they will be running your club for the next 12 months. The changeover meeting will be catered for and each member will be asked to contribute \$2 towards the cost, the Club will pay the other \$3. As in the past entry to the meeting will be via the front door, the doors from the car park will be closed.

Official Visitors invited to our Changeover will be met at the door by John Smith and Marie McGuigan and taken to their seats.

We had three new members inducted at the last meeting; they were Jeanette Carroll, Colleen Ireson and Don Grant. Neville presented all with their badge and Probus Pin and we do hope they enjoy their new Club. Jeanette responded on behalf of the three new members.

A letter of resignation was received from Alice Reberger , sorry to see her leave. It was great to see Pam Gillard back with us again.

In the absence of our Treasurer Bob Williams the report was read by Wal Breust, the balance of money is a little more respectable now that the activities costs have been met.

Ray Fielder gave a glowing report on the Daniel O' Donnell Concert in Canberra last weekend, apparently he is a great Showman. . Keith Beck told us how wonderful the trip to Lake Tabourie was, 4 nights 5 days with lots of sightseeing great food and very nice people. What more could they want.

ACTIVITIES report given by Norma Steward.

May 29th Capacity house at the Civic Centre for the Australian Military Band, Kapooka . Next concert Aug. 28th .

June 6th Lunch at the Palm and Pawn, North Wagga. \$7 pp 12 for 12.30. limit of 50, check with Norma.

June 11th BBQ in the Park, as usual BYO 12 noon.

July 19th Christmas in July, Rivergum Restaurant (old Country House Motel) Sturt Highway. \$12 pp, 12 noon for 12.30. Money in an envelope at the June meeting.

July 10th – 11th Overnight trip to Foster and Allen Concert in Canberra , \$150 pp. Deposit of \$50 with names at the June meeting.

July 16th BBQ in the Park, all as usual BYO everything. 12 noon.

August 8th Lunch - venue to be advised at the June in meeting.

August 13th BBQ in the Park, all as usual BYO everything. 12 noon.

September 30th Day trip to Bowral or overnight. Getting quotes for staying overnight and going to the Floriade.

November 9th Norfolk Island trip, 8 days, 7 nights. Cost approx.\$ 1800 pp

December 3rd Day trip to Young, JD' jam factory, mustard farm, Verity's Prunes. Morning tea and lunch included \$32 approx.

December 10th Christmas Party, more later.

April 17th 2003 Easter -to Lightning Ridge.

Bemie and Noreen Langtry our new Welfare people reported all is well with the ladies, Wal Baker is back at Calvary for a while and the report is good, come back to us soon Wal we miss you and Elaine. Bill Prest is home recuperating after hospital and will soon be up and about.

Ray Fielder is looking for photos to compile an album of Club outings, can anyone help please?

John Vrolyks kept us up to date with the walking group plans and also collected the fines from several members.

May I remind you that subscriptions of \$20 pp. are due and payable at the June meeting? Please put your money in an envelope with the amount (in cash) and suitably marked with your name.

Our Guest Speaker was Elizabeth Moon, Manager of the South West Region of the Cancer Council NSW. Elizabeth spoke about the three areas which the Cancer Council works under. Research, Public Health and Fundraising. The Cancer Centre is the most up to date State of the Art Facility this area has seen. The Cancer Lodge for patients will be up and running in about 12 months, they have purchased land in Edward St. This will give people from all areas inexpensive accommodation while in Wagga for treatment. A vote of thanks was given by Diana Shield and a Probus Pen presented to Elizabeth

Birthdays for June, 1st Diana Shield, 2nd Vince King, 7th Noela Arnel, 10th Edna Whitehorn, 11th Muriel Waddell, 12th Joy Beck, 15th Pat Spencer, 17th Rita Cameron, 17th Wal Baker, 21st Neil Feutrill.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL

No hospitality roster this month, all catered for on the day .

I would like to finish our last Newsletter with a thought Neville read to close the last Probus Meeting.

We are Travellers.

From birth to death we travel between the eternities

May these days be pleasant for you, profitable for society,

Helpful for those you meet along the way

And a joy to those who know and love you best

And when you leave, may your journey be safe.

Our last Goodbye,
Zara and Neville.