

## NEWSLETTER for July, 2007

President Barbara opened the meeting in her usual happy way by welcoming the 60 members in attendance. There were 26 apologies for the day. Barbara also welcomed 6 visitors to the meeting.

The Probus Payer was read by Dorothy Eade.

Frank Downey began a five minute talk by showing a micrometer, and explaining its use and the minute measurements that could be achieved with it.

**Membership:** Gwen reported that we still have 100 members but she has received several new applications for membership.

Community announcements have been put over 2AAA radio station and notices in the Community Diary of the Riverina Leader with the hope of attracting new members.

**Birthdays:** The birthday celebrants for August are, 7<sup>th</sup> Bob Williams, 10<sup>th</sup> Joan Corbett, 14<sup>th</sup> Ellen Heinjus, 15<sup>th</sup> Joan Beirne, 16<sup>th</sup> Gwen Feutrill, 25<sup>th</sup> Joan Breust.

Happy birthday to all the above and have an enjoyable day.

**Welfare:** Bruce and Ailsa reported that they had no one on the sick list this month.

Unfortunately Bill Pascall took ill at the meeting and was conveyed to hospital, and after tests was sent home.

At time of going to print Bill's condition was not known, but hopefully he is feeling better.

The next walking group meeting will be at Coolamon, meeting at the park near the railway crossing and then walk the main street to morning tea at the café.

If you wish to join in, come along, but please let John Vrolyks know so that he can advise the cafe of numbers.

**Guest Speaker:** The guest speaker at the meeting was John Winterbottom who gave an entertaining and informative talk on the early history of Wagga, which led to many questions from members and also a lot of reminiscences.

The guest speaker at the next meeting will be Neil Stubbs, speaking on the Forrest Centre and aged care.

### Activities

The next lunch date is at the Bridge Tavern in Fitzmaurice Street, on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 12.00 pm as usual. They will provide a choice of three set dishes for \$7.50, or you can order from the menu at the listed price.

Joy reported that the last lunch at the Palm and Pawn Bistro was well received by 24 happy diners and she would like to thank all participants for putting their names on the list as it made for a well run outing.

The day trip to Tumbarumba needs some more trippers to enable it to go ahead. All are welcome aboard, so if you wish to go let Joy know as soon as possible. If you have any friends that would like to go bring them along.

It's on the 10<sup>th</sup> October at \$60pp. and a good day is assured.

The Christmas Party is at the Garden Court Restaurant again this year and will be on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, with the usual excellent fair being served in a very pleasant setting.

The cost will be \$27.50 and names and money must be in by the November meeting.

*"The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" is commonly believed to be the only English sentence to include all the letters of the alphabet. However, typesetters and designers have alternatively employed "Pack my box with five dozen liquor jugs".*

Till next month,

Regards, Keith.

## NEWSLETTER for August, 2007

President Barbara opened the meeting and asked the members to speak to the person behind and the one next to them, saying we need to show friendship and fellowship at our meetings.

She then welcomed 10 visitors for the afternoon. There were 72 members present with 15 apologies. The Probus Prayer was read by Annette Gaynor.

Membership: Membership numbers remain at 100, but we have received five applications for membership with a possibility of several more.

Birthdays: The birthday celebrants for September are, 1<sup>st</sup> Norma Judd, 6<sup>th</sup> Alan Mathew & Ronda Lampe, 8<sup>th</sup> Laurel Macdonald, 15<sup>th</sup> Ivan Heinjus, 18<sup>th</sup> Ruth Walker & Barb Fielder, 26<sup>th</sup> Dorothy Eade, 27<sup>th</sup> Noreen Langtree, 30<sup>th</sup> Robyn King, Bill Prest & Bruce McAlister.

Our special congratulations must go to Rita & George Cameron who are celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary 21<sup>st</sup> September.

Welfare: Ailsa reported that the women must be a tough lot as there were none on the sick list. Bruce reported that the men weren't so, as Ray Fielder had a stent fitted and had to return to hospital after the meeting.

Bill Pascall, who took sick at the last meeting is now well again and looking forward to the Loddon Valley trip.

Wal Breust is still waiting on a medical device which has to be manufactured especially (maybe gold plated?).

Keith Beck spent the last weekend in hospital awaiting tests, which proved negative.

The Walking Group journeyed to Coolamon and enjoyed a morning walk around the town and lunch at the Royal Hotel. The next walking morning will be 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. from Jim & Ellen Poile's at the end of Lakehaven Drv.

John has some interesting walks coming up in future, so come along and join in.

Guest Speaker: The guest speaker at the meeting was Neil Stubbs from the Forrest Centre who spoke on health and the ageing.

He advised that the Forrest Centre now manages the Loreto Home of Compassion as well, and explained that people are living longer with better lifestyles and medical care and the different types of aged care which were needed..

There will be no guest speaker at the next meeting as it is the tenth birthday celebration of our Probus Club and we will have afternoon tea provided by the Coursing Park/Yathella CWA .

Entertainment will be provided, which I am unable to divulge as it is a surprise.

### Activities

The next lunch will be at the Turvey Tavern on 19<sup>th</sup> September at 12.00 pm as usual, parking in the Turvey Tops car park and enter the venue from beside the bottle shop. It will be self serve with three dishes on offer plus fried rice and the cost will be \$10. Names need to be on the list by the Sunday before as seating may be limited.

Joy reported that the last lunch at the Bridge Tavern was attended by 37 people who enjoyed an excellent meal which was served very efficiently by the staff.

Don't forget that if you wish to attend the Christmas party on the 5<sup>th</sup> December add your name to Joy's list. The day trip to Tumbarumba is going ahead on the 10<sup>th</sup> October and there are still some seats left on the bus, and this should be a good day and if you wish to join in ring Joy on 69264686.

The cost is \$60 pp. and the money must be in by the September meeting, or before. ( money in an envelope with your name on it please).

A questionnaire was circulated at the meeting and the results were as follows.

Question 1: What is your opinion of how our meetings are conducted. A: Quite happy: 42

b: Satisfied: 18                      c: could be better: 1

Question 2: Do you consider it necessary to have the minutes of the previous General Meeting read out at the current meeting.

a: Yes: 27                      b: No: 32

Question 3: Would you prefer the afternoon tea and fellowship break:- a: As is ( mid-meeting): 45                      b:

At conclusion of meeting: 12

Question 4: Social activities:-

A: Are you happy as is: 46                      b: Would like more activities: 16

*Five year old, Gregorey says: He only knows the names of two Angels. Hark and Harold. Jack, 6, says Angels don't eat but they drink milk from Holy Cows!!!*

Till next month, Regards,

Keith.

## NEWSLETTER for September, 2007

As this was our tenth anniversary, President Barbara opened the meeting by welcoming the 82 members, plus several visitors in attendance.

Kevin Warden a member of Koorngal Rotary, our sponsoring Rotary Club, addressed the meeting and congratulated us on the success of our Club over the past ten years.

The Probus prayer was read by Ronda Lampe one of our past Presidents.

Birthdays: Those celebrating in October are, 2<sup>nd</sup> Murray Aitken, 5<sup>th</sup> Ellen Poile, 8<sup>th</sup> Bernie Langtry, 12<sup>th</sup> Margaret Johnston, 20<sup>th</sup> Ray Fielder, 21<sup>st</sup> Neil Harris, 24<sup>th</sup> Eileen Hargreaves & Ailsa Bowman, 27<sup>th</sup> Nola Chapman, 31<sup>st</sup> Col Dunn.



Welfare: Wal Breust is in Calvary Hospital but is reported to be OK. Wal is our Charter President and it was unfortunate that he was unable to be present for our birthday celebration.

Guest Speaker: The guest speaker at the next meeting will be Dr. Gerrard Carroll, and members are invited to bring along any friends that they think would like to hear Dr. Carroll's presentation.

At the conclusion of the brief reports, President Barbara began the Tenth Birthday celebrations by presenting to the group an Honour Board of past Presidents. Elaine Baker then introduced the Timeless Tappers and their backing musicians who then presented some tap dancing to old time songs.

Then followed a sumptuous afternoon tea spread supplied by the Yathella-Coursing Park CWA Ladies. We must thank the CWA ladies for their effort which was as excellent as on previous occasions.

The Birthday cake was then cut by Marg and Bill Nash, two of our foundation members.

Then followed several musical numbers by Kye Brown on guitar to conclude the festivities.



### Activities

Joy reported that the last lunch at the Turvey Tavern Chinese Restaurant was successful with 28 members attending.

The next lunch will be at the Duke of Kent Bistro, Fitzmaurice Street on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 12.00 PM. If you wish to go and your name is not on the list, ring Joy on 69264686 before Monday 15<sup>th</sup>.

Don't forget the Christmas Party on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, names on Joy's list please.

The Tumbarumba trip on the 10<sup>th</sup> October is a goer and will leave the Cross Street carpark at 8.30 am SHARP.

The dates for the walking group are 3<sup>rd</sup> (just gone) and the 17<sup>th</sup> Oct. Check with John Vrolyks for location.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 36 happy tourers set off on the LoddonValley trip and enjoyed five days touring around the Loddon Shire in Victoria, visiting such diverse locations as a woolen quilt maker, a green tomato processor, a wire frame maker, a salt reclamation process and a eucalyptus distillery, among other attractions.

Robyn Vella, our tour guide from Loddon Shire did an excellent job of conducting us around the shire with her entertaining commentary. We all dined very well at the Wedderburn Motel.

Our thanks go to Ray Fielder for organizing the trip, along with a lot of help from Barbara.

*Do not...run through life so fast that you forget not only where you have been, but also where you are going.*

Till next month, Regards,

Keith.

## NEWSLETTER for October, 2007

President Barbara opened the meeting and commented that everyone seemed to sit in the same location in the room every time. She thinks she will have to mix everyone about in future.

There were 73 members present with 15 apologies tendered.

The Probus Prayer was read by Audrey Killalea.

Membership: Nick Van Styn, Helen Velisceck and Bill and Anne Van Wel were inducted as members to our club. We welcome them and hope that they enjoy the fellowship of Probus.

Our other new member, Barbara Wooden was unable to attend and will be inducted at a future meeting. We now have 105 members.

Birthdays: November birthday wishes go to, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Harrison, 6<sup>th</sup> Janice Vrolyks, 9<sup>th</sup> Haydn Willetts, 19<sup>th</sup> Margaret Nash, 22<sup>nd</sup> Elva Westman & John Vrolyks, 24<sup>th</sup> Keith Beck, 25<sup>th</sup> Joan O'Malley, 27<sup>th</sup> Jim Poile, 29<sup>th</sup> Beryl Aitken.



Welfare: Ailsa reported that she had had a call from Geoff Baker advising that Betty was much improved. A card was also received from Betty thanking us for our concern.

Bruce advised us that Wal Bruest was also much improved but was awaiting another operation. Vic Eade was reported to be a patient in hospital in Canberra.

We wish the above a speedy recovery and our thoughts go to any other members not in good health.

Guest Speaker: The Guest Speaker at the meeting was Dr. Gerrard Carroll, who spoke on heart disease and how to recognize the symptoms of an impending heart attack or stroke, and stressed to not delay seeking treatment as the earlier treatment was commenced the better the recovery would be. Numerous questions were asked by those present and were answered by Dr. Carroll in an informative and sometimes humorous way.

The next Guest Speaker/s: Will be Nicole Langley, the current Miss Wagga Wagga, and The Community Princess, Jessica Brien may also attend.

### Activities

Our day trip to Tumbarumba was enjoyed by the 34 passengers on Makeham's coach and thoroughly enjoyed the Bogy Creek Show which showed how a small cattle farmer has diversified into another venture, and the rapport that he had with his animals.

An excellent lunch was then supplied by the volunteers at the Pioneer Women's Hut.

We returned via Springvale Orchard and Adelong, travelling through lovely green country, no sign of a drought here.

An excellent lunch was enjoyed by all those who attended the Duke of Kent Bistro.

The next outing will be "At The Farm" at Gumly on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, at 10.00 am and will take the form of a morning tea. Please phone names to Joy by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> on 69264686 so arrangement for catering can be finalized.



Names and money for the Christmas Party in The Garden Court Restaurant on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 12.00pm, must be in at the November meeting.



The Walking Group had an enjoyable day at The Rock exploring the Antique and Junk shops, followed by lunch in the park. The next walking morning will be at the Botanical Gardens on Wed. 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. at 8.30am.

### Tours being considered for 2008:

1. Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Tour to Ballarat. Cost \$411 to \$468 ppts depending on numbers.
2. Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. Tour to Hunter Valley. Cost \$645 ppts.
3. Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Tour to Eden on the Sapphire Coast. Cost \$649 ppts, itinerary to be advised.

*As you grow older, you'll find the only things you regret are the things you didn't do.*

Till next month, Regards,  
Keith.

## NEWSLETTER for November/December, 2008

President Barbara opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and suggesting that they turn around and greet the person behind or next to them.

There were 75 members present with 20 apologies being tendered. Barbara also welcomed seven visitors to the meeting.

The Probus Prayer was read by Beryl Aitken.

Membership: President Barbara inducted new members to the club:- Barbara Wooden, who was introduced by Jean Jenkins, Alan & Nell Davis, introduced by Bob Harrison and Jon & Rita Smit, introduced by Nick VanStyn.

We now have 109 members.

Birthdays: Birthdays people for December are 1<sup>st</sup> Pam Wood, 6<sup>th</sup> Jan Jones, 12<sup>th</sup> Bruce Bowman, 18<sup>th</sup> Alf Westman, 21<sup>st</sup> Fay Grant, 23<sup>rd</sup> Nola Carmichael.

Those celebrating birthdays in January are 3<sup>rd</sup> Ray Grant & Jeanette Carroll, 12<sup>th</sup> Jean Jenkins, 15<sup>th</sup> Dorothy Prest & Jim McLarty, 18<sup>th</sup> Jon Smit, 21<sup>st</sup> Joy Hancock, 23<sup>rd</sup> Frank Downey, 24<sup>th</sup> Martin & Leonie Kendall, 25<sup>th</sup> Joan Taylor, 26<sup>th</sup> Betty Baker.



Welfare: Vic Eade has returned from his stay in hospital in Canberra and was at the meeting. Betty Baker was reported a little improved but is awaiting surgery.

We hope any other members not well have a speedy recovery and are well for Christmas.

Guest Speakers: The guest speakers at the meeting were Nicole Langley, Miss Wagga 2007 and Amelia Cooke Miss Wagga 2008.

Nicole spoke on her past year representing Wagga and how she enjoyed the experience of travelling to various places and promoting the city and how she had enhanced her ability as a public speaker and gain a lot of self confidence in doing so.

Amelia then addressed the gathering and said she hoped to gain as much as Nicole and was looking forward to the year ahead.



The next Guest Speaker, who will be at the February meeting, will be Glen Gaudron, a Driving Instructor, to speak on the road rules and explain the restrictions on older drivers.

### Activities

On Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 77 members gathered at the Garden Court Restaurant to celebrate our year's end and Christmas party, and all enjoyed a fine meal with all the usual seasonal trimmings.

The lucky door prizes were won by Noreen Langtry, Norma Judd and Geoff Baker.

The next Probus lunch will be at the William Farrer Bistro, on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January, 12.00 pm start as usual. Names please, to Joy on 69264686, no later than the Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January, for catering purposes.

Peter Piltz is taking expressions of interest in a trip to the Sapphire Coast, based on Eden and Batemans Bay. If interested please let Peter know by the February meeting.

There will be no formal meeting in January but we will be holding a trivia and social afternoon in place of the meeting on our usual day, the fourth Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 1.30 pm.

John Vrolyks is seeking volunteers to work in the Anglican Op-Shop. If you are able to help out please contact John at the Op-Shop or on 69251484.

*The Gladiator was having a rough day in the arena. His opponent had sliced off both of his arms. Nevertheless, he kept on fighting, kicking and biting as furiously as he could.*

*But when his opponent lopped off both his feet, our gladiator had no choice but to give up. For now he was both unarmed and defeated.*

Till next year, Regards, Keith.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## NEWSLETTER for January, 2008

President Barbara welcomed everyone and wished them a happy new year and hoped all would have an enjoyable Probus year.

The meeting wasn't a normal Probus meeting, but took the form of a social afternoon.

The afternoon was filled with a trivia game and lots of conversation and silly answers to the questions. We must thank Annette Gaynor assisted by Des for compiling the Questions. There were only a small number of members present but a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

Birthdays: The birthday celebrants for February are, 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Piltz, 7<sup>th</sup> Audrey Killalea & Rita Smit, 11<sup>th</sup> Bill Pascall & Bill VanWell, 13<sup>th</sup> Nancy Dunn, 16<sup>th</sup> Joan Riches, 28<sup>th</sup> John Smith.

Welfare: As this was not a formal meeting, the only people that we know of on the sick list are John Smith, who has been in hospital for some time, but Marie McGuigan reported that he was going home (23<sup>rd</sup> Jan). Joy Beck has been having physiotherapy for a bad back for several weeks and sends thanks to Welfare Officer, Ailsa for a lovely get well card.

Any other members who have not been well, we wish you a speedy recovery and don't forget if you are not well, or know of anyone else who isn't, let our welfare people know.

Guest Speaker: The guest speaker at the February meeting is to be Glen Gaudron, who is a local driving instructor, who will be advising us on the current road rules.

### Activities

The first activity for the New Year was a lunch at the William Farrer Bistro, which was attended by 36 members, who enjoyed an excellent meal in the renovated dining room.

The February lunch will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> at 12.00 pm, in the Chinese restaurant in the Wagga RSL Club in Dobbs

St. Any Probus members who are not RSL members are asked to be there, at the front desk by 11.45 so that an RSL member can sign them in.

The menu is a lunchtime special at \$7.00

If you wish to attend, please phone Joy on 69264686 by Friday 15<sup>th</sup>, as the correct numbers are required for seating, as it is a very popular venue.

Peter Piltz is taking expressions of interest and bookings, for a trip to the Sapphire Coast, based on Eden And Batemans Bay, from 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September.

For further information contact Peter on 69263755.

Till next month, Regards,  
Keith.



For Sale: *Harley Davidson V-Rod motorcycle, 6 months old, 2400 kilometers, has balance offactory warranty. Reason for selling: Bought without approval of loving wife. Apparently "Do what ever the hell you want" didn't mean what I thought it meant. Phone 555-1234.*





## NEWSLETTER for February, 2008

President, Barbara opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the first official meeting for 2008. The Probus Prayer was read by Marie McGuigan.

President Barbara inducted Rita and Harold Wilson, who were introduced by Ailsa and Bruce Bowman to our Club and presented them with their Club badges.

President Barbara, gave a report on her visit to Abbeyfield House, which is a small housing community for seniors and is located at 29 Wiradjuri Crescent in Wagga. Also a report on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the club's walking group which was held at Commercial Club.



Membership: Membership Officer, Gwen reported that we have 110 members. Attendance the meeting was 75+ with 28 apologies and 6 visitors.

Any members wishing to enter an apology for a meeting, please ring the Membership Officer or arrange for an entry in the attendance book.

Birthdays: The birthday celebrants for March are 7<sup>th</sup> Shirley Steele, 9<sup>th</sup> Judy McLarty, 11<sup>th</sup> Heather McAlister, 14<sup>th</sup> Lorraine Downey, 15<sup>th</sup> Pat Koetz, 18<sup>th</sup> Bernice Piltz, 24<sup>th</sup> Helen Veliscek, 27<sup>th</sup> Marie McGuigan and 29<sup>th</sup> Bill Nash.

Welfare: Those on the not well list for January included, Bill Nash, Ivan Heinjus (arm in a cast), Barbara Fielder ( two trips to Albury for surgery on a detached retina), Margaret Johnston (foot in orthopedic boot), Neil Harris, John Smith (who had been in hospital for some time, but was at the meeting and thanked members for their support and visits) and Ellen Poile who had been to Sydney to have stents inserted in an artery and then to hospital in Wagga to have a melanoma removed. It is very important to have a check for skin cancers early as the results can be devastating if left too late.

Guest Speaker: The guest speaker at the meeting was Glen Gaudron, a local driving instructor, Glen gave a rundown on mistakes drivers make and informed of the ridiculous interpretation the RTA and police put on some of the rules.

He advised those who were required to take the seniors driving test to take one or more driving lessons beforehand, to come up to date with the requirements.

The guest speaker at the March meeting will be Roslyn Hughes speaking on her trip to Saudi Arabia.

### Activities



The February lunch at the RSL Club Chinese Restaurant was attended by 30 members who enjoyed the meal and at \$7 a head was excellent value.

The March lunch will be at the Bridge Tavern in Fitzmaurice St. on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>, 12.00pm as usual. If you wish to attend, please contact Joy by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> for catering arrangements.

Trips: Bookings are being taken for our trip to the Sapphire Coast, based on Eden and Batemans Bay, from 15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> Sept, cost is \$510. For further information contact Peter on 69263755.

The Probus Club of Wagga is organizing a day trip to Bandiana on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, cost is \$60 with a deposit of \$20 needed immediately. For details and bookings contact Alex Macdonald on 69312662.

### The March meeting will be the AGM

Nominations will be required for all of the committee positions, so if you know of any member that you think would be a good committee person or if you think you have something to offer to your club put your hand up.

Notice of Motion. It has been moved that the joining fee be increased to \$11 to cover the cost of the name tags. Subs will remain at \$25.

A Probus information day will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> April at the Rules Club from 10am-3.30pm for incoming officers of all Probus clubs.

*I hear that exercise kills germs. But how do you get the little blighters to exercise?*

Till next month, Regards,  
Keith.

## NEWSLETTER for March, 2008

President, Barbara opened the meeting and called on Beryl Aitken, who then read the Probus Prayer.  
Membership: Membership Officer, Gwen advised that we currently have 112 members. Four applications for membership were accepted and they will be inducted at the next available opportunity.

Attendance at the meeting was 66 with 24 apologies and 6 visitors.

Birthdays: Those celebrating birthdays in April include, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rita Wilson, 8<sup>th</sup> George Cameron, 14<sup>th</sup> Geoff Baker, 19<sup>th</sup> Norma Steward, 22<sup>nd</sup> John Pottie & Bill Corbett, 26<sup>th</sup> Maurice Salmon & Don Chapman.

Welfare: Those in Ailsa & Bruce's Not Well list included Fay Grant & Ellen Poile, who are now improving, Bill Prest, Haydn Willetts and Allan Mathew. A thank you card was received from Esmee Salmon thanking the Club for their thoughts.

Our thoughts go to those on the welfare list and any others not feeling well, for a speedy recovery.

### Activities

The March lunch at the Bridge Tavern was well attended by 32 Probarians who enjoyed a tasty meal.

The next lunch will be at the Golden Seasons Restaurant in Forsyth Street, on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup>, 12.00 pm as usual. If you wish to participate, please contact Activities Officer Joy, on 69264686 no later than midday Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> for catering arrangements.

Bookings for the trip to the Sapphire Coast, from 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September, are progressing well, Deposit of \$100 is required by 15<sup>th</sup> June and full payment \$510 by 15<sup>th</sup> August.

President, Barbara then closed the meeting and opened the Annual General Meeting and invited our inaugural President, Wal Breust, to call nominations for the new committee, with the result as follows.

President...John Vrolyks, Vice President...Ellen Poile, Secretary... Peter Piltz, Treasurer... Annette Gaynor, Programs(Guest speakers)... Bernice Piltz, Welfare... Ailsa Bowman, Newsletter...Keith Beck, Trips Organiser...John Smit, Activities...Marie McGuigan, Hospitality...Lyn Stakenburg & Rita Smit, Membership...Joy Beck, Meeting Hostess...Janice Vrolyks. Murray Aitken was appointed Public Officer.

A notice of motion was put and passed that the joining fee be increased to \$11 to cover the cost of name tags. The annual subscriptions are to remain at \$25.

The AGM then closed and the members adjourned for afternoon tea.

The AGM next year will be held in February, as this will give the incoming committee members time to become more familiar with their positions before the April changeover.

The ordinary meeting then resumed, with our Guest Speaker for the day, Roslyn Hughes, who spoke on her recent experiences in Saudi Arabia. Roslyn was dressed in a traditional women's head top to ground garment and explained some of the cultural traditions of the Arab people.

The next meeting will be the annual change over of Office Bearers and the afternoon tea will be provided by the Yathella/Coursing Park CWA Ladies. By past experience this will be a tasty spread.

The cost will be \$3 per head, paid at the door when signing in, which will cover part of the cost, the rest will be met from club funds.

Entertainment for the Changeover will be provided by the Rugby Choir.

Don't forget annual subscriptions of \$25 are now due.

Till next month, regards,  
Keith.



## NEWSLETTER for April, 2008

<b>President:</b> <i>John Vrolyks</i>	69251484	<b>Welfare:</b> <i>Ailsa &amp; Bruce Bowman</i>	69213039
<b>Vice President:</b> <i>Elle Poile</i>	69224332	<b>Newsletter:</b> <i>Keith Beck</i>	69264686
<b>Secretary:</b> <i>Peter Piltz</i>	69263755	<b>Hospitality:</b> <i>Noreen &amp; Bernie Langtry</i>	69266863
<b>Treasurer:</b> <i>Annette Gaynor</i>	6926 3572	<b>Hospitality:</b> <i>Lynette Stakenburg</i>	69265165
<b>Past President:</b> <i>Barbara Fielder</i>	69266064	<b>Hospitality:</b> <i>Rita Smit</i>	69319727
<b>Public Officer:</b> <i>Murray Aitken</i>	69226362	<b>Trips Organiser:</b> <i>Jon Smit</i>	69319727
<b>Membership:</b> <i>Joy Beck</i>	69264686	<b>Activities:</b> <i>Marie McGuigan</i>	69213275
		<b>Programs:</b> <i>Bernice Piltz</i>	69263755

President Barbara opened our Changeover Meeting by welcoming visitors and guests from the other Wagga Wagga Probus Clubs. Attendance at the meeting was 84 with 11 apologies and 19 visitors. Barbara then inducted four new members to our Club, being Robert and Lynette Stakenburg , Brian Hancock and Peter Meiklejohn and hoped they would enjoy the fellowship of Probus.

The Probus Prayer was read by Ailsa Bowman.

Birthdays: Birthday greetings for May are extended to, 5<sup>th</sup> John Walker, 9<sup>th</sup> Allan Davis, 15<sup>th</sup> Peter Killalea & Jan Williams, 16<sup>th</sup> Gwen Earsman, 19<sup>th</sup> Harold Wilson, 21<sup>st</sup> Anne Willets & Nick VanStyn, 22<sup>nd</sup> Esmae Salmon.

Welfare: All our members seem to be keeping healthy, as the only person on Ailsa's list was Frank Downey.

Activities: Joy reported on the very successful lunch at the Golden Seasons Restaurant, with 38 in Attendance.

The lunch date for May is at the William Farrer Bistro, on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> at 12.00pm.

As Marie McGuigan is the new Activities Officer, please ring Marie on 69213275 if you wish to attend, by the Monday, 12<sup>th</sup>, for catering arrangements.

### The Changeover

President Barbara gave her annual report on the activities of the Club for the past twelve months and thanked the retiring Committee for their help.

Barbara then handed the Chain of Office to incoming President, Vrolyks, who then welcomed the new committee members.

After a magnificent afternoon tea provided by the ladies from Yathella/ Coursing Park CWA, we were entertained by 15 members and the pianist from the Wagga City Rugby Choir.

The choir, along with the Australian Rugby Choir, Murrumbidgee Magic and African Mixed Voices will be appearing at the Wagga Civic Theatre on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

George Cameron extended a vote of thanks to the choir members at the conclusion.

The Guest Speaker at the May meeting will be Brian Andrews, speaking on history and the importance of family trees.



The Club Notice Board

The Annual Subscription of \$25 pp is now due.

The \$100 deposit for the Sapphire Coast trip will be due at the May meeting, and \$510 full payment due by 15<sup>th</sup> August.

Do you want the minutes of the previous meeting read out at the Club meetings? Please let the Committee know of your feelings regarding this.

The next Walking Group outing will be to Lockhart, on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May. Meet at Martin & Leonie Kendall's, 17 Morshead Ave. at 8.30am, then on to Lockhart to visit the Museum, lunch at the Services Club, go shopping and, WALK.

Sturt Ladies Probus are organizing a trip to Cowra on the 19<sup>th</sup> June at a cost of \$54. Trip includes a visit to The Japanese Gardens. Contact Margaret Gregurke on Phone 69264771.

*Californian winegrowers who are famous for producing Pino Grigio, Pino Blanc and Pino Noir wines, have developed a new hybrid grape that acts as an anti-diuretic.*

*It is expected to reduce the number of trips older people have to make to the toilet during the night. The new wine will be marketed as.....Pino More.*

Till next month, Regards,  
Keith.



## NEWSLETTER for May, 2008

President John Vrolyks opened the first meeting of his Presidency by welcoming 10 visitors and the 85 members who were present..

There were 18 apologies.

Ellen Poile, who was unable to attend the last meeting, was then introduced by John as our new Vice President..

The Probus Prayer was read by Annette Gaynor.

Birthdays: The birthday people for June are, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vince King, 6<sup>th</sup> Roy Possee, 10<sup>th</sup> Whitehorn, 12<sup>th</sup> Joy Beck, 17<sup>th</sup> Rita Cameron, 29<sup>th</sup> Maxine Koetz. The above are least number of birthdays of club members in any month. So, happy birthday to all and may you have an enjoyable day.

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Welfare: Our Welfare officer, Ailsa reported that John Smith was in hospital and not very well at all. Robert Stakenburg had recently been in hospital in Sydney but was now home and he was at the meeting. Welcome back Robert.

Activities: Marie reported that the lunch at the William Farrer Bistro was well received by the 30 members who attended.

The next lunch will be at the Koorungal Hotel Bistro, on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 12pm as usual.

If you wish to attend, please contact Marie on 69213275 prior to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> .

Guest Speaker: The Guest Speaker at the meeting was Brian Andrews. Brian was originally the Town Clerk of the Wagga Wagga City Council, becoming General Manager after a Council restructure in 1993.

In 1997 he was awarded the Public Service Medal. He is now an Alderman on Council.

He is currently, in his spare time, writing his reminiscences of past events and stressed the importance of writing down your past experiences, even if you think they are boring, they will be a great source of information for the benefit of future generations of your family and others because once you are gone important historical events will be lost forever.

Murray Aitken extended a vote of thanks to Brian for an informative and humorous speech.

The Guest Speaker at the next meeting will be Dr. Sauter, speaking on Men's health problems.

### The Club Notice Board

Martin Kendall gave a report on the Walking Group's trip to Lockhart and their visit to the museum and viewing of Doris Golder's wool paintings.

The next walking morning will be 4<sup>th</sup> June (past) and then 18<sup>th</sup> June. Venue not known at this time.

Jon Smit asked if there was any interest in a trip to New Zealand in 2009, which would have participants picked up from and returned to Wagga.

There were about 32 names down for the trip to the Sapphire Coast in September, the deposit, which should have been paid by now, with the balance due by 15<sup>th</sup> August.

The Cowra trip with the Sturt Ladies Probus club for 19<sup>th</sup> June is in doubt, as there are not enough numbers, if interested contact Margaret Gregurke on 69264771.

Members fees of \$25 are now due, and must be paid by 30<sup>th</sup> June, or you will become unfinancial and will have to rejoin.



*There was a vacancy at the local police station, for a highly qualified police dog so John took his poodle in for an interview.*

*Firstly, the dog had to type at 60 words per minute and it romped through that test.*

*Then there was the physical test and the poodle had no difficulty completing the obstacle course and associated stress tests.*

*The testing officer then said, "There is just one more condition. The dog must be bilingual". The poodle looked up and said, "Meow".*

Till next month, Regards,  
Keith.

## NEWSLETTER for June, 2008

President John Vrolyks opened the meeting and warmly welcomed all members and the seven visitors, to our club.

There were 89 members present with 16 apologies.

The Probus Prayer was read by Annette Gaynor.

President John then inducted 5 new members and presented them with their name badges after they were introduced by their sponsors.

They were John & Pam Whiles, Kay Smith, Maureen Nugent and Jane Nortje. We welcome them to our Club and hope they enjoy our friendship and hospitality.

**Birthdays:** Happy birthday wishes for July go to the following, 8<sup>th</sup> Keith Beirne & Milton Loiterton, 11<sup>th</sup> Joyce Harrison, 12<sup>th</sup> Des Gaynor, 14<sup>th</sup> Annette Gaynor, 24<sup>th</sup> Fred Wood & Glynn Jones, 29<sup>th</sup> Victor Eade, 31<sup>st</sup> Elaine Baker & Jean Pottie.

We hope you are all in good health and have a memorable day.

**Welfare:** Our Welfare Officer Aileen, reported that the only members on her sick list were, John Smith, who has been in hospital recently but would be home the day after the meeting and Neil Harris who had had surgery.

These were the only members Ailsa knew of who were unwell, if you know of any others please let Ailsa know.

**Membership:** Membership Officer Joy, advised that we now have 125 members with several other people expressing interest in our club.

Any members with overdue subs at 1<sup>st</sup> July will be declared non members. And this will be your last newsletter.

**Activities:** Marie reported that the monthly luncheon at the Koorinal Hotel Bistro was well enjoyed by the 36 members who attended. The next luncheon will be a Christmas in July occasion at the Wagga RSL Bistro on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 12.pm as usual. It will consist of ham, turkey and roast vegetables followed by plum pudding & custard, and the cost will be \$13.50. Names must be on Marie's list as soon as possible as this is a special meal and only those on the list will catered for. Contact Marie on 69213275.

**Guest Speaker:** The Guest Speaker at the meeting was Dr. Steven Sowter, a local urologist, who gave a very informative talk on men's prostate cancer and the treatments that are currently available to treat the disease and stressed the importance of men over 50 having regular checks as there are no obvious symptoms until the disease has greatly progressed.

The Guest Speaker at the July meeting will be Brian Kahlefeldt OAM, a local philanthropist and author of the Book "90 minutes to Success", with over 25,000 copies having been sold and proceeds of over \$300,000 donated to various charities.

### Club ramblings

Martin Kendall told of the Walking Group's latest walk at the Lake Albert walking track, and the next walk is to be at the Tourist Information Centre, on Wed., 2<sup>nd</sup> July, and then every second Wednesday. If you enjoy walking come along and join in.

Jon Smit advised that there are now 40 names on the list for the Sapphire Coast trip and that the final payment will be due at the July meeting.

*After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him.*

*The moral of the story:.....When you're full of bull keep your mouth shut!!*

Till next month, Regards,

Keith

