# **NEWSLETTER - JULY 2000**

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#### Hello Members.

Our last Committee Meeting for the year 1999-2000 was a sad occasion. We had all been together for quite a while and our thoughts go to Marie McGuigan, Nancy Morgan, Jan & Glyn Jones and especially Pat Bombell who has been our Membership Officer since the Club was formed in 1997. Well done to you all, you will be missed from the Committee. Our new Committee will assume their official status in July. Our June Meeting was opened by President Ronda, followed by the reading of the Probus Prayer by Jim Waddell.

The Meeting was attended by 20 visitors from the various Clubs who were invited to share our Changeover. John Clough our Official Guest attended as the representative of Probus South Pacific. He spoke about the growth of Probus in the 20 years he has been involved in the formation of Clubs, and the need that is filled by the presence in the Community of such organisations.

We had 82 Members in attendance, and 33 apologies.

The Treasurer Annette Gaynor gave her report, also a reminder that the subscriptions are due and payable either July or August at the latest, \$15 per person.

The Welfare report was given and our thoughts are with the following members, Dorothy Mathew, Robyn King, Leonie Kendall and Max Fokes. Please all get better soon.

Don't forget our "Christmas in July" Luncheon 27<sup>th</sup> July at the Garden Court Restaurant, 12.30 pm for 1:00 PM. \$24 pp. If you want to be part of this outing and you haven't paid your money, you will need to contact Jan Jones.

Quite a number of resignations were received, Jill Hyland, Gwen Oakman, Bern & Hazel O'Rourke, Munro & Shirley Preuss, Ted & Eula Bagley and Thomas & Toni Van der Hoeven. These were accepted with regret.

The Combined Probus Concert 16<sup>th</sup> August, admission is an optional gold coin venue is to be advised at the July meeting, if you are unable to attend the meeting please contact a committee member to find out where the concert will be held. The Concert will start at 2pm and run for about 2 hours, so there will plenty of time to see the Olympic Torch on its journey through Wagga Wagga.

President Ronda presented her report which covered the activities of each of the Committee members, and also spoke of the Clubs within our Club i.e. the Walking Group headed by John Vrolyks, and the Book Club in the capable hands of Jan Williams, also the small but happy group who meet at the Tolland Bistro after our meetings. Janice Vrolyks has been appointed the Official Club Photographer and commenced her duties by recording the changeover.

The incoming President Wal Baker was then presented with the Collar of Office and President's Pin by Ronda, who in turn received her Past President's Pin and a Certificate of Appreciation. The new Committee was then introduced by President Wal.

Afternoon tea was then served by the ladies of the Coursing Park - Yathella CWA and as usual in situations such as this the cream and goodies were in abundance.

Entertainment was provided by the 'Probusker's ", several gentlemen and two ladies who were accompanied on the piano by their leader Elaine Baker. The group sang several well known numbers and were assisted by a solo from Fred Wood. Ces Parker followed with an instrumental medley on the saxophone. The entertainment concluded with the Gendarmes Duet "Goodbye".

A vote of thanks was given to the "Probuskers" and Elaine Baker who was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Past President Ronda

Those of our members and friends who attended the Music Hall at Tumut on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June would have once again enjoyed the most wonderful day. As well as the great artists we were able to view, and listen to a recorded history of All Saints Anglican Church. We are all hoping the show will go on next year.

**July Birthday's, Happy Birthday to the following people**. 4<sup>th</sup> Gloria Wooden, 8<sup>th</sup> Ann Campbell, 11<sup>th</sup> Margaret Kerlin, 12<sup>th</sup> Des Gaynor,14<sup>th</sup> Annette Gaynor, 14<sup>th</sup> Neville Blamey, 16<sup>th</sup> Kath Curran, 24<sup>th</sup> Fred Wood, 25<sup>th</sup> Olive Dunn, 26<sup>th</sup> Glyn Jones, 31<sup>st</sup> Elaine Baker and Jean Pottie.

**Wagga Wagga Rotary have asked that we advertise a travelling film show** on the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> August in the old Library in Gurwood St. an evening of early films and records, cost \$3 pp. Further advertising will appear in the local media.

**ROSTERS** July Membership Clare Rapley and June Pollock.

July Kitchen, Gwen Kneebone, Elaine Larkin, Marie McGuigan, Lorna McQuillan.

Guest Speaker for July will be Kay Hull Member for the Riverina.

Guests for August will be Maj. Patrick Pickett and some of the members of the Kapooka Military Band, who will show just how talented they are in their chosen profession.

Our hospitality committee members have resigned, is there a "Good Samaritan" out there who could take their place? Please contact our secretary Bob Arthur.

Don't forget the committee meets at 12.15 pm, before the monthly meeting.

President Wal thanked the entertainers, the CWA Ladies and Ronda for her year as President.

The meeting closed at 3,30pm.

Thought for the Month: *The only food that goes a long way, is spilt sugar.* 

'Bye for now, *Zara & Neville* 

### **NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2000**

Hello Members.

The Meeting was opened by our new President Wal followed by the Probus Prayer read by Beryl Aitken. Two new members were inducted, Kevin & Pam McPhail , welcome to our Club.

We had a five minute talk by Murray Aitken. Murray was born in Burnie, Tasmania and raised on a dairy farm. During his childhood he was kicked by a horse and was out cold, but his faithful dog stayed by his side until found by his family, as a result of this accident Murray sustained a broken jaw. He was educated in Burnie and then worked in a paper mill. He joined the army in 1962, trained at Kapooka and then followed a series of postings, Malaya, returned to Australia, then Vietnam and Papua New Guinea. Met Beryl in 1982, married in 1984 and retired from the Army, worked on until 1998 and retired. His main interest now is Legacy.

Treasurer Annette gave her report and a reminder again that subscriptions are due and payable in August at the latest, \$15 per person. Bill Prest then gave the welfare report, our Ladies Welfare member Elaine Baker had a very bad fall in late July and is still laid up and unable to get around. We do hope you get better soon Elaine. We were all very sad at the death of Dorothy Mathew and our thoughts go to Alan, also to Martin and Leonie Kendall on the death of Martin's mother.

# HOW MANY MEMBERS REMEMBERED THAT THE 26 $^{\mathrm{TH}}$ AUGUST IS OUR THIRD BIRTHDAY?

Marion Beurle half of the Activities duo, reported on what is coming up in the near future.

16<sup>th</sup> August - Combined Probus Concert to be held in the Baptist Hall, Riley St. opposite Grace Bros car park. Time 2pm, gold coin entry. Come along and see just what the Combined Clubs can do in the way of entertainment, laughter and merriment will be the order of the day. Don't panic the show will finish in plenty of time for you all to see the passage of the Olympic Flame.

**21**<sup>st</sup> **September bus trip to Coolamon**, \$30-\$35 pp further information and money to be paid at the August meeting. Lunch is included and other clubs who have been say it is a great day.

6th October - visit to Coolac, 10am start with morning tea, bring a chair and a picnic lunch, - more later. 12<sup>th</sup>December - our Christmas Party, put the date in your diary and we will give you more details later. What a great luncheon we had for Christmas in July! I'm sure all those who attended will agree with me. The Committee has decided when you arrive at the meetings and sign the register in future names must be PRINTED, we are having difficulty reading some of them. Also a decision has been made that in future intending members will be asked to attend three meetings before they will be inducted

Thank You to Don & Nola Chapman for filling in the Hospitality vacancy.

Our Guest Speaker was Member for Riverina Kay Hull who was introduced by Dorothy Prest.

Kay said she was here to have a non political chat; she was born in Guyra and went to Sydney from there at age 15. Joined a church group and met people such as Allan Walker and Fred Nile. At 17 went to New Zealand with one suit case knowing no-one

Later married Graham Hull and has 3 sons and 4 grandchildren. One son completed his apprenticeship and studied Business Skills and is now managing their business

Some years ago Graham had a bad accident and Kay was left with no alternative but to run the business, she obtained a tow truck licence which was no mean feat when you consider the fact that she had no sense of direction and was always lost.

Kay as Member for the Riverina wants development, jobs, and stability, upgrade the rail system, and fair prices for petrol.

Linton Davis moved a Vote of Thanks to our guest speaker and presented her with a Probus Pen as a token of our appreciation.

Our next guest will be Maj. Patrick Pickett and some of the members of the Kapooka Military Band. Birthdays for August – 7<sup>th</sup> Bob Williams, 9<sup>th</sup> Gwen Kneebone, 14<sup>th</sup> Ellen Heinjus, 16<sup>th</sup> Gwen Feutrill, 22<sup>nd</sup> Yvonne Homer, 25<sup>th</sup> Joan Breust, 25th June Pollock.

**Rosters for August, Attendance**: Eric & Janet Norris,

**Kitchen:** Haydn & Anne Willetts, Fred & Pam Wood.

July Meeting we only had 62 present and 49 apologies, this is the time of the year when a lot of people head up north in search of warmer weather. However our meetings still go on and we need you there, so if you overlooked sending an apology please do it next time or attend. The committee tries very hard to provide the members with interesting and entertaining meetings and it is quite disappointing to say the least when every month we have a list of members who neglect or forget to apologise if unable to attend.

Our thought for the month:

Middle age is when you realise that you'll never live long enough to try all the recipes you spent 30 years clipping out of newspapers and magazines.

With thanks to Ruth Walker.

'Bye for now, *Zara and Neville* 

### **NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2000**

#### Hello Members.

Have you all got webbed feet yet? gosh we have had some rain haven't we?

Our meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August was opened by President Wal and the Probus Prayer was read by Fred Wood. We had 72 members present, 30 apologies, and our visitors were Colin Davis, Marion Stuckey and Barbara Tokley, hope they enjoyed our meeting!

Our five minute talk this month was given by Annette Gaynor. Annette was born in Wagga, her schooling was varied attending schools in Wagga, Eastwood and Junee, she was a good student and went on to a secretarial course and a good job with QBE Insurance.

Annette had lots of friends and loved to dance, that's how she met Des and they were married in 1955. Going to life on a farm was a cultural shock, lots of things to learn. Annette and Des have 3 children and spoil there grandchildren. Annette loves knitting and tapestry, is a member of the CWA and loves to travel. She has indeed had a fortunate life.

Annette who is also our Treasurer then gave her report.

Welfare report was then given by Elaine Baker who although she has been very ill herself has now recovered, and can report on the others who are <sup>not</sup> we'll. Ivan and Ellen Heinjus, Pam Gillard, Ann Campbell, Rita Cameron, and good to see Leonie Kendall well again. Hope you all get well soon. Also, welcome back to Robyn King.

Nice to see Bill and Margaret Nash back after their three months holiday.

Our visit to Coolac has been changed from 6<sup>th</sup> October to 3<sup>rd</sup> November the first Friday in November. We will leave by car from Cross St. car park at 8.30 am. Festivities start at 10am at the Old School House Coolac with morning tea, Peter Batey will be the guest speaker. Bring a chair and a picnic lunch, tea and coffee will be available.

**September 21st Bus trip to Coolamon**, those going have paid their money at the August meeting. 29th November - a trip to Young with one of the Ladies Clubs, more about this later

**Our Concert was a great success**, well attended and wonderful acts. Of course I'm biased, but our Club put on a really super act, The Shamrocks + 2, and I congratulate them all and especially Shelley for putting it all together. The Baptist Minister announced that the whole amount collected, \$454, was to be given to the Radio Therapy Appeal. Thank You to the Church for their generous gift of the venue. Resignations were received from George and Pat Ceely, we are very sorry to see them leave.

Congratulations to Don and Nola Chapman on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, this is such a wonderful milestone in your life.

The Probus Directory has now been received by our secretary and anyone travelling who would like to visit other Probus Clubs, you are very welcome to get the appropriate information from Bob Arthur. As we mentioned our 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday was 26<sup>th</sup> August, so a cake was arranged complete with 3 candles and our 4 Presidents, 3 Past and 1 Present blew out the candles. Wal Breust, Neville Blamey, Ronda Hull and Wal Baker cut the cake.

One of our Programmes Officers, Ronda Hull, told us **Our Guest Speaker for September will be speaking on Bonsai. Followed in October by Dr. Chardry** who will speak on the Clinical School in Wagga established to encourage young Doctors to come to the country.

**Our Guests** for August were Major Patrick Pickett and his group of 7 from The Australian Army Band The music "Brought the House Down" as is said, they were marvellous. Maj. Pickett spoke of the band's tour of duty to East Timor and the opportunity to bring some music to the men and women stationed there.

Vote of Thanks to Maj. Pickett and the musicians was moved by Stan Rogers, and a Probus Pen presented to him as a token of our appreciation.

Birthdays for September are  $-1^{st}$  Norma Judd,  $1^{st}$  Lorna Mc'Quillan,  $3^{rd}$  Yvonne Condon,  $3^{rd}$  Stan Rogers  $6_{th}$  Ronda Hull,  $6^{th}$  Alan Mathew,  $7^{th}$  Janet Norris,  $8^{th}$  Beverley Haberecht,  $10^{th}$  Linton Davis,  $15^{th}$  Ivan Heinjus,  $18^{th}$  Ruth walker,  $27^{th}$  Noreen Langtry. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL THESE MEMBERS.

Rosters for September

Attendance- John and Jean Pottie

**Hospitality**- Kathleen Weale, Edna Whitehorn, Bob and Jan Williams Our thought for the month: *No one has skin that is exactly the same colour as a Band-Aid*' Bye for now, *Zara and Neville*.

### **NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2000**

Hello Members,

Have you all got over the Olympics? It was rather wonderful wasn't it and makes you proud to be an Australian. We will all be glued to the T.V. sets again to watch the Paralympics next.

Our September meeting was opened by President Wal. We had 73 members present, 36 apologies and 3 visitors, one of whom was 100 years old, what a wonderful age. He is the father of soon to be inducted member Joan Morgan.

We were pleased to see Pam Gillard back at our meeting after a long illness, welcome back Pam.

Our 5 minute talk was given by Jim Waddell, he was born in Dubbo and for many years was reared by a dear family friend. He learnt the piano at a very early age. On leaving school he studied dentistry and decided that it wasn't the path he should follow. He joined the Education Dept. married Muriel and the first posting was to the township of Tibooburra. This was followed by 33 years of teaching. He then studied for the Ministry is now at St. John's Anglican Church in Wagga Wagga.

Our Treasurer Annette then gave her report, all the fees have been paid, thanks to everyone for being so prompt. We received a resignation from Kath Weale, it's sad to lose members, and we wish her well. Don and Nola Chapman will be away for two months October and November, so our hospitality will be taken over by Bill and Margaret Nash for October and John and Ruth Walker for November. We thank these people very much for stepping in and helping.

# The following outings should be noted in your diary.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Luncheon at the TAFE College Hospitality Centre, 12 noon, \$11 per person. Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October - Bill & Joan Corbett's Mangoplah, Garden Viewing, Fashion Parade, the Probuskers will sing. Afternoon tea and trading table. Cost \$5 p.p. Time l0am to 4.30pm Radiotherapy Centre to benefit. Venue, take Holbrook Rd. through Mangoplah, first property on the left after you leave the village, (a couple of Km's) watch for all the cars.

 $Friday 3^{rd}$  November Coolac, depart Cross St. car park 8.30am, all going by car. Don't forget your chair and picnic lunch.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Our Christmas Party Luncheon**, Boat Club 12 noon for 12.30. For the information of new members we don't have a meeting in December, just the end of year party. More details later.

Saturday & Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> January 2001. The show "Annie" in Sydney, cost \$245 p.p. includes Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Marion will have more details later.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2001 Our next Friendship Day will be held in Temora. Just make a note of this. Our Guest Speaker for the October meeting will be Professor Khadra regarding the Clinical School which has been established in Wagga to encourage Doctors to come to the country.

The November guest speaker will talk on the history of radio . Remember the TV without a picture? Our walking group is back to full strength after the winter, all members are welcome to join, we walk every2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 8 AM - the long walk is 1 hour and there is a shorter one for the folk who may not be up to walking too far. We have morning tea after the walk, just bring your own. John Vrolyks organises some great walks and I am sure you would enjoy the morning. We have lots of other outings for the Walking Group so come along and enjoy it with us.

Our guest speaker for September was Richard Newland who spoke to us and gave a demonstration of the care and re-potting of "Bonsai". This is a unique art form of growing miniature trees, the first book he bought on the subject was only published in 1957. A vote of thanks was moved by Rita Cameron to our speaker and a Probus Pen presented as a token of our appreciation.

**BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER** 2<sub>nd</sub> Murray Aitken, 5<sup>th</sup> Pat Bombell, 8<sup>th</sup> Bernie Langtry, 12<sup>th</sup> Margaret Johnston, 13<sup>th</sup> Jim Waddell, 14<sup>th</sup> Elaine Larkin, 18<sup>th</sup> Lionel Campbell, 20<sup>th</sup> Ray Fielder, 21<sup>st</sup> Neil Harris, 27<sup>th</sup> Nola Chapman, 31<sup>st</sup> Col Dunn.. Happy Birthday to all these members. **ROSTERS FOR OCTOBER.** 

Attendance Marie Mc'Guigan, John Smith. John and Janice Vrolyks Jim and Muriel Waddell Hospitality Committee Members meet at 12.15 PM before our monthly meeting. Our thought for the month: Ifyou see someone without a smile give them one ofyours. 'Bye for now, Zara and Neville.

# **NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2000**

#### Hello Members,

Whatever happened to our beautiful spring weather? I think we have had enough rain now to last a while, I'm looking forward to some sunshine I hope you all agree with me.

Our October meeting was opened by President Wal who followed on by reading the Probus Prayer. We had 77 members present, 31 apologies and 2 visitors.

Our President then discussed the use of our microphone, unfortunately people at the back of the room are unable to hear because those using the microphone do not speak directly into it, and, as was the case at the September meeting when we had a demonstration of Bonsai our speaker was unable to use the microphone and his hands at the same time. The Committee is going to investigate to establish whether there is an alternative, and, if so, if it would be possible to have a trial.

Our Financial report was read by the President as Annette is away; the report is always available for members to see if they wish.

We have a pretty good club no-one on the sick list; these reports were given by Bill and Elaine.

Alf Beurle then gave a short talk on his last trip to Nepal with Rotary. He and Marion travelled to Katmandu as part of a working group sponsored by several Rotary Clubs. Their objective was to prepare a building for the housing of a Cat Scan unit which had been donated by St. Vincent's Hospital. On a lighter side Alf related their experiences with elephants and their handlers.

### The following are dates for your diary

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November -Coolac, depart Cross St. car park 8.30 am All going by car, take a chair and a picnic lunch.

**Wednesday-29<sup>th</sup> November - Trip to Young by bus**, cost \$ 35 pp leaving Cross St. car park 7.30am For those who have put their names down please bring the money to our meeting on 28<sup>th</sup>. If necessary more details available from Marion Beurle.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Club Christmas Party, Boat Club** 12.00 for 12.30 pm. Entertainment by our own "Shamrocks". Please take a \$2 gift each. Cost will be approximately \$20 January 13<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> 2001 Saturday and Sunday- The show "Annie" in Sydney, \$ 245 pp more details later. Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2001-Friendship Day in Temora.

Another note for your diary.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2001** - from 5 pm onwards drop in and have some drinks and nibbles at the home of Jean Jenkins - 18 Athol St. Wagga. This will be a small celebration for Jean's birthday, all are welcome. **John Vrolyks then spoke about the walking group** and collected fines from various people.

Guest Speaker for November will talk to the club about the history of radio . Then in January the first meeting for the New Year John Vrolyks will tell us a little about "Life in Holland"

Our guest speaker for the recent meeting was Professor Khadra who has come to Wagga Wagga as head of the Greater Murray Clinical School this is to be housed in the old Harvey House in the Hospital grounds. The aim of the school is to bring to Wagga, young doctors who are in their 4th, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year of training in an endeavour to have them practice in the country when they graduate. The training of doctors involved in the school, in areas such as Albury, Wodonga and Griffith, can be continued, with the aid of a television hook up, with the tutor based in Wagga.

Several years will probably elapse before we see the benefits of this Clinical School.

The obvious dedication and excitement shown by Professor Khadra augers well for the future.

A vote of thanks was moved by John Smith to our guest speaker and a Probus Pen presented as a token of our appreciation.

#### Birthdays for November,

2nd Bob Harrison, 6<sup>th</sup> Janice Vrolyks, 8<sup>th</sup> Nancy Morgan, 9<sup>th</sup> Flo Burmeister, 9<sup>th</sup> Haydn Willetts, 9<sup>th</sup> Pam McPhail, 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, 29<sup>th</sup> Beryl Aitken, 30<sup>th</sup> Aileen Arthur.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL.

#### Rosters for November,

Attendance- Peter and Audrey Killalea

Hospitality- Glyn and Jan Jones

Ray and Barb Fielder.

Thought for the month:

"There are two things in this life for which we are not fully prepared, and that is twins"

Zara and Neville.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;Bye for now,

# **NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2000 & JANUARY 2001**

Hello Members.

Was I the only one wanting warm weather? Well I certainly got it didn't I but it is summer so we must expect it. Hope you aren't suffering too much

Our November Meeting was opened by President Wal who asked Neville Blarney to read the Probus Prayer. There were 81 present at the meeting, 33 apologies and 1 visitor.

The financial report was read by our treasurer Annette who also wished everyone a very Happy Christmas. Ronda Lampe was congratulated by President Wal on her recent marriage.

Pat Bombell was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for her three years service to the Club and Committee as Foundation Membership Officer. Pat responded in her usual excellent fashion.

We had a five minute talk from Jan Williams who reminisced on her youth and education in Sydney. She decided on a career as a librarian but like so many of us her first choice of a career was not to be and she studied Pharmacy, after graduating she worked for John Mueller for many, years here in Wagga. Jan married Bob Williams and they have twins, a boy and a girl.

Our welfare officers both reported that we had no members on the sick list.

Don't forget MARCH is our election of office bearers, all positions will be declared vacant and nominations taken so think about it, it doesn't take up a great deal of time and can be lots of fun.

The date for the Friendship Day in Temora was incorrect in the last newsletter, it should be7th April 2001.

The editor was right in her copy; it was the computer operator who was wrong. Sorry!

Temora can only accommodate 300 maximum, so later on we will get the definite numbers from our club. Cost will be \$20 which includes morning tea and lunch.

The trial of a new microphone was not a success; the unit was not compatible with the system that is installed in the Centre. However the committee will keep trying to solve the problem.

**ACTIVITIES.** The following was reported by Alf Beurle.

Coolac was a most successful day, quite a few attended and all enjoyed the trip.

**Trip to Young was a good day** and those who went had cherries and more cherries. Our Club Christmas Party was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. at the Boat Club. Congratulations to Alf and Marion for organising such a wonderful party. The Festive table left nothing to be desired, the entertainment by the "Shamrocks" was first class, aren't we lucky to have such talent in our club. Thank you Ladies. It was fun all getting a Christmas gift and to top it all off every lady received a long stemmed red rose and the men a pocket diary. We can now look forward to next year.

January  $9^{th}$  (Tuesday) 12 for 12.30 pm our club is having a luncheon at the William Farrer Hotel , see you there.

**January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Annie'' in Sydney**, \$245 pp stay at the Sovereign Motor Inn.. We will need a deposit by the end of December.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January, drinks and nibbles at Jean Jenkins**, 18 Athol St. from 5pm it's Jeans birthday. John Vrolyks as usual was able to collect some fines from the members.

<u>**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS.**</u> 1<sup>st</sup> Pam Wood, 6<sup>th</sup> Jan Jones, 16<sup>th</sup> Perc Condon, 18<sup>th</sup> Alf Westman, 21<sup>st</sup> Fay Grant, 26<sup>th</sup> Chris Johnston, 30<sup>th</sup> Shelley Rogers.

<u>JANUARY BIRTHDAYS</u> 3<sup>rd</sup> Ray Grant, 5<sup>th</sup> Alice Reberger and Kevin McPhail, 9<sup>th</sup> Alf Beurle, 12<sup>th</sup> Jean Jenkins, 14<sup>th</sup> Eric Norris, 15<sup>th</sup> Wal Breust, 18<sup>th</sup> Pam Gillard, 24<sup>th</sup> Martin and Leonie Kendall, Dorothy Prest, 25<sup>th</sup> Joan Taylor, 27<sup>th</sup> Zara Blarney. **HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A GREAT BIRTHDAY.** 

Ellen Heinjus our membership officer reported we have 126 members, our Charter allows for 141. Have any of you any friends who may enjoy the Fellowship and Friendship of our club?

Thank you to John and Ruth Walker who very ably looked after our afternoon tea in the absence of Don and Nola Chapman.

Our guest speaker was Mel Mayer who took us on a walk down the memory lane of radio. He has spent his entire working life in the industry, starting with the Australian Record Company and in his retirement is still participating in the industry. He was delighted to be part of the Golden Days of Radio and worked in some way or other with all the great names many of us could recall. Faith Butt gave a vote of thanks to our guest speaker and presented a Probus Pen as a token of our appreciation.

#### ROSTERS FOR JANUARY.

**Attendance,** Gwen Kneebone and Elaine Larkin

**Hospitality,** Murray and Beryl Aitken

Martin and Leonie Kendall

We would like to wish you all a:

<u>VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND SAFE NEW YEAR.</u> See you all in January 2001. *Zara and Neville*.

#### **NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2001**

Hello Members.

Congratulations to all our members who braved the hottest day ever recorded in Wagga and came to our last meeting. Our meeting was opened by President Wal who asked Anne Willetts to read the Probus Prayer. There were 56 present at the meeting, 37 apologies and 2 visitors.

Two new members were inducted, Jack and Joan Morgan were presented with their badges and we hope they will enjoy our club.

Unfortunately three resignations were received, Max and Lyn Fokes have moved to Brisbane and Gloria Wooden is unable to continue with her membership. Club numbers now stand at 123.

.The Treasurers Report was then read by Annette, as mentioned previously the details of the report are available from Annette for any of our members who wish to have more information.

We had a five minute talk from Bob Harrison, he grew up in Ariah Park, one of a large family. He did farm work, followed by a time in family owned bakeries. Found time to enjoy his hobby of music and played in the local dance band. Later became involved in orchards which lead to a juice factory and a lot of hard work. Married Joyce in 1952. Eventually retired to Wagga.

The election of office bearers is coming around very quickly, so please give some thought to which position you would like to hold and then, when March arrives or before you will be able to have someone nominate you. Our Probus Club is comprised of 123 people who are retired or semi-retired professional and business people and others who have held positions of responsibility in their working career. We have a tremendous amount of ability and talent amongst our members which surely can be used to good effect in the organisation of our club and for the enjoyment of all our members.

The luncheon held the William Farrer Hotel was attended by 28 of our members and was enjoyed by all. Jean Jenkins Birthday gathering at her home was enjoyed by are large number of our members. Good food and cold drinks were appreciated by the large gathering on such an hot day.

Just a couple of members who have not been well, Rita Cameron, so glad you are on the mend now. Also Ed Gillard, hope you make a quick recovery.

The thoughts of the club are with Maurice and Esmae Salmon on the recent death of their daughter.

**ACTIVITIES** coming up in the near future

13<sup>th</sup> February - A visit to the wine and cheese factory at the Charles Sturt University, meet at the Cross St. car park, 10.30 am . Bring lunch and a chair.

**28**<sup>th</sup> **February** -The Walking Group are arranging a day trip to Barmedman. Meet at the Cross St, car park at 8 am, bring a swimming costume, morning tea, lunch and a chair. Believe you can't sink in the Mineral Water Pool?

7th March -Day trip to Albury, \$35-\$40 pp depending on numbers, more information from Marion if required.

**30<sup>th</sup> March** - 7pm Wool Shed Dance at the home of Annette and Des Gaynor, bring your own chair and a plate of food. Directions- Over Gobba Bridge to roundabout, turn left to Coolamon, go 19 kms, turn right into 17 mile Mail Route Lane, second property on the left. There will be balloons (inflated) where you turn at the 17 mile peg.

**7**th **April** - Friendship Day - Temora, cost \$20 pp which includes morning tea and lunch. More details later. Our Sgt. at Arms collected fines from the birthday people, new members and those with photos in the paper.

Our Guest Speaker for the next meeting, February, will be Michael O'Reilly, whose topic will be drugs. Thank you to John and Ruth Walker once again for helping out with afternoon tea.

The Guest Speaker for the January meeting was our own member John Vrolyks who talked about Holland his home country. He told of the early history of the land, the dykes, the efforts to keep the sea out, the enormous trade for tulips and salt herring. He joined the army in 1944, went England to train, transferred to the commandos and left for Indonesia. In 1973 married Janice and they have 2 daughters. He has been active in many sports and worked for the Asthma Foundation for 22 years. A vote of thanks was moved by Martin Kendall and a Probus Pen was presented as a token of our appreciation.

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS** 1<sup>st</sup> Peg Edols, 7<sup>th</sup> Audrey Killalea, 9<sup>th</sup> Dorothy Harris, 13<sup>th</sup> Nancy Dunn, 17th Patricia Bagley, 28<sup>th</sup> Joyce Thompson, 28<sup>th</sup> John Smith.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL

# **ROSTERS FOR FEBRUARY**

**Attendance** Margaret Kerlin

Norma Judd

**Hospitality** Bernie and Noreen Langtry

Chris and Margaret Johnston

Our thought for the month:

There are many paths to the top of the mountain, but the view is always the same.

A Chinese Proverb

'Bye for now, *Zara and Neville*.

#### **NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2001**

Hello Members,

Well we hope that the worst of the summer is over and the 1<sup>st</sup> of March was the start of autumn so we should have some beautiful days now.

Our meeting was opened by President Wa1 who then asked John Pottie to read the Probus Prayer. This month we had 72 members present, 36 apologies and I visitor.

Resignations were received from Clare Rapley and Peg Edols, leaving our Club with 121 members. Our Treasurer Annette then gave her Treasurers report.

Shelley Rogers gave a five minute talk. For those of you who didn't know Shelley was born in Wagga and went to school at Mt. Erin, Her father had a furniture shop in Wagga. After leaving Wagga for Sydney Shelley started her stage career. She met and married Stan Rogers and returned to Wagga in 1996. We are very fortunate to have her talent in Wagga.

Our March Meeting was quite exciting as we inducted Charlie Sheppard as an honorary member. Charlie is 100 years old and we are very proud to have him in our Club. On the 16<sup>th</sup> March he will be 101, what a wonderful age. Wal presented Charlie with his Probus badge also his meeting badge. It was quite obvious from the response he gave that he was accustomed to speaking in public and we may hear more from him in the future.

Our welfare report was given by Elaine Baker who reported that some of our members have been sick but are getting better. Peter Killalea we are glad to say is on the mend, also Vince King is recovering, and Faith Butt who had a fall is now feeling a little better.

Don't forget everyone; the next meeting is the election of office bearers. We have a few nominations but it is very poor to know that no one wants to offer their help. It is your Club so please, think about the various jobs and offer your services.

ACTIVITIES coming up

14th March - BBQ at the Botanic Gardens 12 noon BYO. And a chair.

**30<sup>th</sup> March - Woolshed Dance at Des and Annette Gaynors property**, time 7 **PM.** Directions were in the February newsletter, bring a plate of food and a chair and any other sustenance required.

**7th April - Friendship Day Temora**, \$20 pp, to be collected at the March meeting without fail. The function is now being held in the Town Hall so there will be no restrictions on numbers. For those wanting to go by bus the cost is \$10 payable at the March meeting and there is no refund on this.

 $15^{th}$  May - Trip with Tumut Probus Club to Mildura, Broken Hill and Mungo National Park . \$297 pp 5 days / 4 nights. Contact Joy Jacobs 6947-1520.

There has been a suggestion made that Wagga hold the Friendship Day in 2002. This will be discussed by the committee of the combined Probus Clubs and we will hear more in due course.

The committee of our club has decided that in future the Christmas Party held in December will be considered to be a meeting for the purpose of attendance records; this will make it easier for our members. Don't forget a requirement of membership is that you attend a minimum of 6 meetings in a calendar year, unless you are on holidays or on the sick list.

John Vrolyks who is in charge of our walking group announced the next walk is at Cross St., 8am 14.03.01. John then changed his hat and collected the fines for the month.

The Changeover in June will be catered for, cost per member will be \$2, the Club will pay \$3 pp.

Our club will have a 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday in August and it has been decided to buy a cake to celebrate the occasion.

15<sup>th</sup> August the annual combined Probus Concert will be held, venue to be advised at a later date. The Guest Speaker for the February meeting was Michael O'Reilly a local chemist. His Grandfather a cricketer of some note told Michael that the only place to live was in the country and so here he is. Michael spoke at some length on pharmacies and in particular aspirin the different types and uses in relation to older people. A vote of thanks was moved by Yvonne Condon and a Probus Pen presented as a token of our appreciation.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS. 7<sup>th</sup> Shirley Steel, 13<sup>th</sup> Ed Gillard, 15<sup>th</sup> Marie McPherson, 16<sup>th</sup> Charlie Sheppard 101, 27<sup>th</sup> Marie McGuigan, 29<sup>th</sup> Bill Nash. (Please note age will only be shown when the birthday boy or girl attains the age of 100 years.) HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL.

#### Rosters for March-

Attendance-Neil and Dot HarrisHospitality-Eric and Janet Norris

Col and Marg Breckenridge.

Our thought for the month,

If ants are so busy, how come they find time to go to all the picnics?

'Bye for now

Zara and Neville.

#### **NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2001**

Hello Members.

Congratulations to you all, we had a wonderful Annual General Meeting, and Election of Office Bearers didn't we? At last you are all realising that your Club doesn't function without your help.

Congratulations to you all, an invitation is extended to attend the committee meetings between now and the June Changeover when you will all commence your new duties, the meetings are held at 12.15 pm before the general meeting.

President Wal opened the March Meeting at 1.30 pm and the Probus Prayer was read by Janice Vrolyks.

We had 83 members present, 18 apologies and 2 visitors, Eileen Hargreaves and Gladys Trew both of whom are to be new members shortly.

The Treasurers report was presented by Annette Gaynor, our financial position is quite sound.

Welfare report for ladies was given by Elaine Baker, Ellen Heinjus is home from hospital and the knee is doing fine. Bill Prest reports that Leo Rodney is in hospital and Ed Gillard has gone to Sydney for treatment. We wish these members a speedy recovery.

A resignation was received from Elaine Larkin and accepted with regret. This brings our membership to 121 with 2 new members to be inducted next month.

There is a special programme being organised by Shelley Rogers for the April Meeting which is the day before Anzac Day, so do come along and enjoy the music.

Also in April our guest speaker will be Roy Wade who will talk to us about photography.

#### ACTIVITIES.

10<sup>th</sup> April and 8<sup>th</sup> May: BBQ in the Botanic Gardens, usual spot, bring chairs, food and drink. If you haven't been to one of our BBQ's in the gardens before, we start at around 12 noon and go till you want to leave, some go early and some go late, but everyone seem to enjoy themselves.

24<sup>th</sup> May: Luncheon at the TAFE College, Coleman St. commences at 12 noon, \$11 pp payable on the day at the venue.

15<sup>th</sup> August: For information only at this stage. Concert by the Combined Probus Clubs , more later. Officer in Charge of the walking group John Vrolyks gave us details of the next walk, more information can be obtained from him on 6925-1484. On completion of the walking information John then assumed the mantle of tax collector with his little black bag on a long stick and proceeded to collect the fines for birthdays, photos in the media, also any public announcements.

Wal Baker closed the general meeting prior to afternoon tea, after which he opened the Annual General Meeting. Fees for the year 2001-2002 will remain as previously, i.e. new members will pay \$5 joining fee and \$15 annual subscription, existing members \$15. As usual fees are payable at the June meeting or as soon as possible thereafter.

Haydn Willetts gave an account of his extraordinary life, from being the youngest of 4 boys and 1 girl, and unfortunately not enjoying the best of health. The climate in Wales apparently agreed with him and he was to achieve success academically and on the sports field. National Service in the Royal Air Force saw him commissioned and lead to a short career in the educational arm of the service.

On the advice of his brothers he entered the British Ministry of Agriculture and so started the life of study, extensive world travel and success in his chosen field of endeavour. He met Anne, married and returned to London to live prior to moving to Australia. Haydn and Anne have three daughters who all reside in Australia.

During his life despite his health being a major concern, Haydn was able to gain his Masters Degree and Doctorate. He completed his working life lecturing at CSU.

**BIRTHDAYS APRIL.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Marg Breckenridge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Harrison, 4<sup>th</sup> Emma Byrne, 8<sup>th</sup> George Cameron, 15<sup>th</sup> Marion Beurle, 19<sup>th</sup> Norma Steward, 22<sup>nd</sup> John Pottie, Bill Corbett,26<sup>th</sup> Maurice Salmon and Don Cameron. Happy Birthday to You, Happy Birthday to You, and so on. **ROSTERS FOR APRIL:** 

**Attendance**- Flo Burmeister

Faith Butt

**Hospitality** - Alice Reberger

Diana Shield

Maurice and Esmae Salmon

Thought for the Month:

Many people will walk in and out ofyour life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart. 'Bye for now

Zara and Neville

**Late press**. Thanks to the hospitality of Annette and Des Gaynor on their property" Green Hills 'o Marrar, a large group of our members enjoyed a wonderful night of dancing and a typical country supper in their wool shed on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **NEWSLETTER - MAY 2001**

Hello Members.

Winter is approaching and the winter woolies will have to come out soon although the days are still lovely and sunny, I hope it stays that way.

President Wal opened the April meeting at 130 pm and the Probus Prayer was read by Joy Wayling. There were 79 members present, 31 apologies and 8 visitors.

Two new members were inducted, Gladys Trew and Eileen Hargreaves, we hope you both enjoy our club. The financial report was presented by our treasurer Annette, followed by our Welfare Officer Elaine reporting on those members who have not been well. Leo Rodney has not been well; we do hope he shows some improvement soon. After a broken knee, Margaret Kerln was back at the meeting and Ellen Heinjus is almost back to normal after an operation on her other knee, nice to see you back with the club.

Resignations were received from Beverley Haberecht, Don and Marie McPherson. Only a short stay with us but we hope you take away some fond memories. We now have 120 members.

Our Club now has a new Bell which was presented by Honorary Member, Charlie Sheppard and suitably engraved. On presenting the Bell to President Wal Charlie gave it a hearty shake and said "I hope this keeps you lot in line"

Thankyou Charlie.

The last BBQ in the park was very successful with some new members attending, so come along to the next one on 8<sup>th</sup> May and make it even better.

**The Friendship Day in Temora** was attended by 380 members of Probus and was a successful day. Next year 2002 it will be held in Wagga. Details will be given to us by the Committee of the Joint Probus Clubs in Wagga at a later date.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

8th May-BBQ, Botanic Gardens 12 noon. BYO and a chair.

9th May- Next walk with the Walking Group leaves at 8am from John and Ruth Walkers home 16 Brooklyn Dr.. Bourkelands. Bring your own morning tea and a chair.

**18<sup>th</sup> May- Ilandra Castle**, Wallendbeen. \$50pp, bus leaves Cross St. at 7.30am. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea included.

24<sup>th</sup> May- Luncheon at the TAFE College Coleman St. 12 noon. Bookings are ftill at the moment.

15<sup>th</sup> August- Concert by the Combined Probus Clubs to be held at the Baptist Church, same as last year. Our item will be organised by Shelley Rogers.

Prior to afternoon tea we were entertained by the "Shamrocks" with songs to remind us of us all of ANZAC DAY. Absolutely wonderful and our thanks go to Shelley, Joy, Nancy, Gwen and Yvonne.

Our Changeover Meeting in June we will be entertained by musicians organised by Robyn King our incoming President.

Anyone with photos of our outings please could you bring them to the next meeting and show Annette Gaynor, we are making a Probus Album and would like copies for our photographic records.

Our new activities officers for the year 2001-2002 Norma, Gladys and Ray are organising a trip to Bright 29/10 to 1/11/2001 cost \$300pp names are being taken and if you want more details ring Ray.

Members of our Committee elect, came to the Committee Meeting in April, it was very nice to their smiling faces and hopefully they will come along again in May.

Guest Speaker at our last meeting was Roy Wade from Narrandera who spoke to us on Photography. Roy said as a small boy he became interested in the magic of photography which today is a multimillion dollar industry. He proceeded to explain the origin of cameras from the old box type to today's modem video and digital cameras. Roy brought with him some beautiful examples of his work in various parts of Australia. Murray Aitken moved a vote of thanks to our speaker and presented him with a Probus Pen as a token of our appreciation.

Next month our Guest Speaker will be June Powell a Registered Nurse and Naturopath. BIRTHDAYS MAY- 1st Bob Arthur, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grace Rodney, 5<sup>th</sup> John Walker, 11<sup>th</sup> Neville Steele, 15<sup>th</sup> Peter Killalea, 15<sup>th</sup> Jan Williams, 16<sup>th</sup> Gwen Earsman, 21<sup>st</sup> Anne Willetts, 22<sup>nd</sup> Esmae Salmon. Have a wonderful day. ROSTERS FOR MAY

**Attendance-** Flo Burmeister and Faith Butt

**Hospitality**- Joan Taylor, Joyce Thompson, Chris and Margaret Johnston.

If you are unavailable for the above rosters- please find a replacement. Thought for the Month: *When you dig, be careful where you throw the dirt.* 

'Bye for now Neville and Zara

# **NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2001**

Hello Members,

Our next meeting is our Changeover so hope you will all attend and give our new Committee a big welcome. President Wal opened our May Meeting and this was followed by the Probus Prayer read by Elaine Baker. There were 74 members present, 28 apologies, 5 visitors.

Pat Spencer was welcomed as a new member and we hope she enjoys the Fellowship of her new club.

We will have entertainment at our changeover organised by incoming President Robyn King. There will be a Girls Choir, and an Instrumental Group. So come along and enjoy the music.

Resignations have been received from Lionel and Ann Campbell and also Leo and Grace Rodney. Leo has not been well for some time and our thoughts are with them both.

May I remind you all the subscriptions are due and payable at the next meeting. Please put your \$15 in an envelope with your name and the amount of money on the outside, this will enable Annette to enjoy the meeting too.

We had a talk by Joan Morgan on parts of the life of her father Charlie Sheppard. The changes that have taken place over the years, motor cars, communications and mode of living. Charlie played football and tennis; he loved camping fishing and shooting. He was married in 1926 and had 5 children. What a life! We are lucky to have him as an Honorary Member.

The Financial report was given by our treasurer Annette Gaynor who tells us that we are in a good position. We are asking each member to pay \$2 for the Changeover. The Club will pay \$3 subsidising the afternoon tea. The \$2 will be payable at the front door. The doors from the car park will be closed.

Welfare report was given by Elaine, Jean Jenkins will be going to hospital for an operation, we wish you well Jean. Bill Prest gave the male report. Welcomed Martin Kendall back from hospital. Ed Gillard is still not well, and Leo Rodney as was mentioned in the Newsletter has unfortunately resigned due to ill health. **ACTIVITIES** 

24<sup>th</sup>May - we had a wonderful luncheon at the TAFE, full compliment of 40 and everyone enjoyed the food.

12<sup>th</sup> June- our usual BBQ in the Botanic gardens, 12 noon and BYO what ever your heart desires.

4th July - day trip to Albury has unfortunately been cancelled due to lack of numbers.

**31**<sup>st</sup> **July -'' Christmas in July''** at the Garden Court Restaurant, Botanic Gardens. 12.30 pm for 1.00pm, cost \$24 pp payable at the July meeting.

15<sup>th</sup> August - Mystery Trip leaving the Cross St. car park Sam. Cost approx. \$40. More details later.

**4**th **September - Probus Concert changed from August**, time and venue now 1.30pm at the Sacred Heart Church, Lake Rd. Kooringal. Kiama Probus Club Choir will perform in support of the other acts arranged by the Probus Clubs of Wagga. This is a free concert but a gold coin donation would be appreciated.

19<sup>th</sup> Sept.- Day trip to minature horse stud (between Yarrawonga and Wangaratta) morning tea, BBQ lunch, salads etc. Visit a winery. Price \$35pp - money at the August meeting. Depart Cross St. car park 8am. 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> October. Three night trip to Bright, deposit of \$140 at the June meeting please, 39 people have indicated they wish to go, that leaves 4 vacancies. Should anyone wish to go ring Ray.

**John Vrolyks then brought us up to date with the Walking Group** outings, Wednesday 6th June, leave from the BBQ area at the Botanic Gardens 8.30am. Lots of fines were collected in the little black bag.

We have unfortunately lost one of our members, Neville Steele who passed away recently. Our thoughts are with his wife Shirley.

President	Robyn King	Newsletter:	Zara & Neville Blamey
Vice President	Bill Prest	Welfare:	Bill & Margaret Nash
Secretary	Bob Arthur	Hospitality:	Neil & Dorothy Harris
Treasurer	Bob Williams		George & Rita Cameron
Past President	Wal Baker	Activities:	Ray Fielder
Public Officer	Wal Breust		Norma Steward
Membership	Ellen Heinjus	Programmes	Beryl Aitken

Our Guest Speaker was Jenny Powell, Registered Nurse and Naturopath who spoke at length on Natural Therapies and Herbal Medicine. A vote of thanks was given by Eileen Hargreaves who presented our Speaker with a Probus Pen as a token of our appreciation.

**BIRTHDAYS JUNE.** 1st Diana Shield, 2nd Vince King, 10th Edna Whitehorn, 11th Muriel Waddell, 15th Pat Spencer, 17th Rita Cameron 17th Wal Baker 21st Neil Feutrill. Have a Great Day.

### **ROSTERS FOR JUNE**

Attendance- Bill and Joan Corbett

Hospitality- Nobody required as it is catered for on the day.

**Thought for the Month:** A stranger is only a friend you haven't met yet.

'Bye for now *Neville and Zara.-*