

NEWSLETTER for July, 2006

Our July meeting was opened by President Peter with his usual welcome to all members present. There were no visitors.

The Probus Prayer was read by Joan Beirne.

Our monthly information spot was taken by Elaine Baker to tell us about Operation 'Christmas Child' which is a project to take an ordinary shoebox or box of A4 paper size and fill it with toys and other presents for underprivileged children in other parts of the world.

The filled boxes should be completed before the 25th October. For further details contact Elaine.

Membership: Gwen Feutrill reports that we have 101 members, as we have had resignations from Don Grant, Jim & Muriel Waddell, Lorna McQuillan and Joan Young. It has since been learnt that Joan has passed away.

As our membership is shrinking, members are asked if they know of anyone they think would be interested in joining our happy bunch, to invite them along to visit one of our meetings.

A reminder to members that the constitution requires that 50% of meetings be attended, unless a satisfactory apology is tendered.

Our new style name badges have been ordered and should, hopefully, be available at the next meeting.

Birthdays: Birthdays for August are, 7th Bob Williams, 10th Joan Corbett, 14th Ellen Heinjus, 15th Joan Beirne, 16th Gwen Feutrill, 25th Joan Breust. Happy birthday to you all and as they say "Have a nice day".

Welfare: Janette and Alan did not have any of us on their sick list this month, only to advise that Chris Johnston is now receiving his treatment in Wagga which must be a lot better than the multiple trips to Canberra he has been enduring.

Please let our welfare officers know of any members who are not well.

Guest speaker: for the meeting was Dr. Ray King OAM who, as a member of Koorringal Rotary, was at the inaugural meeting of our Probus Club and presented us with the brass bell that is used by the President in attempting to bring the meeting to order. Ray spoke on the operation of Sunflower House, which is a Psycho-Social Rehab Clubhouse, and the difficulty in getting the State Government to honour their commitment to provide funding.

The guest speaker at the next meeting will be Michael Dasey who is the regional manager of Royal Lifesaving and will be talking to us on the subject of CPR. Due to the age group we are in this should be an invaluable knowledge to have.

Activities

Lunches: Joy reported that the Christmas in July lunch at the Garden Court Restaurant was so well received by the 36 members who attended, that the venue has been booked for our Christmas Party in December. A list for those wishing to attend will be at the August meeting. Cost \$25. Same menu, as it was a lovely meal. The August lunch will be at the Chinese Restaurant in the Turvey Tavern Hotel on the 16th.

Enter from the Turvey Tops car park between the bottle shop and Post Office. Contact Joy if you wish to attend.

The Ettalong Beach Resort trip is definitely on -16th -21st September. A reminder that the remainder of \$360 pp. is due at the next meeting on 22nd August.

There a few seats left on the bus so the invitation to go is now open to anyone you think may like to join the trip. Brochures and further info. are available from Ray on 69266064.

Norfolk Island Probus Retreat: An invitation has been forwarded to our club for a maximum of FOUR members to attend an 8-day Probus holiday on Norfolk Island departing Sydney 9th December this year. Cost \$1,099 pp ex Sydney. Details from Ray on 69266064.

If money doesn't grow on trees why do banks have branches?.

Regards,

Keith.

NEWSLETTER for August, 2006

Our August meeting was opened by President Peter who welcomed the members and our two visitors. The Probus Prayer was read by Bob Harrison.

The monthly speaker/information spot was taken by Frank Downey .who spoke about his experiences as a metrologist.

Elaine Baker reminds everyone that the boxes for operation 'Christmas Child' need to be in by the end of September.

Membership: Gwen Feutrill reported that there were 58 members in attendance at the last meeting with 24 apologies and 2 visitors. There being no further resignations, membership now stands at 101.

The new name badges have been issued and have been well accepted by all.

Around 18 information sheets have still not been returned, so if you haven't done so, please get them in as there have been quite a few changes so far and this will keep our records up to date.

Birthdays: Birthdays for September are, 1st Norma Judd, 3rd Yvonne Condon, 6th Alan Mathew & Ronda Lampe, 8th Laurel Macdonald, 15th Ivan Heinjus, 18th Ruth Walker & Barb Fielder, 26th Dorothy Eade, 27th Noreen Langtry, 30th Robyn King, Bill Prest and Bruce McAlister.

Welfare: Our members on the not well list for August were, Margaret Nash who has been in St. Vincent's Hospital and is now hopefully back in Wagga by the time you receive this newsletter, Nancy Dunn, Colin Dunn, Chris Johnston, Ivan Heinjus and myself Keith Beck who is now up and about after a hip operation. It is with regret that we report the passing of Perc. Condon and Lorna McQuillan.

Guest Speaker: for the meeting was Michael Dasey, the Regional Manager of the Royal Lifesaving Society. Michael gave a very interesting address which was well appreciated, and a subject that should be learned by all.

The guest speaker at the September meeting will be Sally Nolan, Wagga City Council's Tourism Executive Officer.

Activities

Lunches: Joy reported that the lunch at the Chinese Restaurant at the Turvey Tavern was well received and enjoyed by all, with hostess Kim making us all very welcome.

The next lunch will be at the William Farrer Bistro, on Wednesday, 13th September, 12 for 12.30 start, anyone wishing to go, please contact Joy on 69264686 as soon possible.

Don't forget the Christmas party at the Garden Court Restaurant, on Tuesday, 12th December, cost \$25. Please put your names on the list, with all monies to be in by the November meeting.

Ray Fielder reports that the Ettalong trip is 'full steam ahead' with 33-36 travellers ensured of a good time. The Wollundry Ladies Probus Club are taking, a trip to the Lake Cowell goldmine on Thursday 19th October.

For details contact Doris Eldridge on 224612.

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

Regards,

Keith.

NEWSLETTER for September, 2006

Our September meeting was opened by President Peter with the usual welcome to all 67 members present, plus three visitors. There were 19 apologies.

He then welcomed Joy Hancock as a new member and presented her with her name badge.

The Probus Prayer was read by Don Chapman, with the addition of an extra line at the end, which is, "Look after our members who are sick or suffering, or who have lost a love one, and give them the comfort of knowing that we care."

Our monthly information spot was taken by Murray Aitken, who reported on the recent Probus trip to the Ettalong Beach Resort. He was very impressed by the accommodation, with the rooms done out in various themes, and also the layout of the complex with a movie theatre, shops and markets.

Included in the tour was a trip to the Hunter Valley Gardens, which he stated were magnificent and were commented on by other visitors as even better than the gardens in Canada.

There was also a cruise to Bobbin Head and the Hawkesbury River, and a tour of the Central Coast area.

A fun night was held with a fancy dress party, and lots of prizes were won by the participants.

On the return journey a lunch stopover was held at Bowral, and there the travellers met up with Alf Buerle, one of our ex members.

Membership: Gwen Feutril reports that we now have 102 members.

The new style name badges have been issued to the members who seem to be very pleased with the result. If anyone hasn't received their badge contact Gwen or Peter.

Birthdays: Birthdays for October are, 2nd Murray Aitken, 5th Ellen Poile, 8th Bernie Langtry, 12th Margaret Johnston, 20th Ray Fielder, 21st Neil Harris, 24th Eileen Hargreaves and Ailsa Bowman, 27th Nola Chapman, 31st Col Dunn. Happy Birthday to you all.

Welfare: Jeanette reports that Col and Nancy Dunn and Noreen Langtry were on the unwell list and Ivan Heinjus has had surgery on his shoulder.

A Thank You was received from Marg. Nash and Keith Beck, who have both returned home from surgery, for the calls, cards and thoughts of members,

Guest Speaker: For the meeting was Sally Nolan, who is a Riverina Tourism Board member and Executive Officer, Tourism Wagga Wagga.

She spoke on the work of the Tourist Information Centre, which was built in Tarcutta Street in 1979 and is open 7 days a week. As well as general tourist information they supply information packs for newcomers who are looking to move to Wagga. She also recounted some of the amusing and not so amusing questions asked of the centers' staff.

The guest speaker at the next meeting will be Richard Parnell, Programs Manager, Junee Correctional Centre.

Activities

Lunches: Joy reported that the monthly lunch at the William Farrer Bistro was enjoyed by 32 members and that the lunch venue for October is The Red Lion Bistro in Edward Street, on Thursday 19th, 12.00 for 12.30 start as usual.

Don't forget the Christmas Party at the Garden Court Restaurant on the Tuesday 12th December, \$25 per head, with names and money to be in by the November Meeting, for catering purposes.

Koorinal Ladies: Yackandandah, Beechworth tour 18th Oct. Jean Spurge.

Sturt Ladies: Hay Bishop's Market, 15th Oct. Pat Heath or Betty Hines.

Wagga Ladies: Holbrook Tree Nursery and Jingellic Pub 31st Oct. Marie Papworth.

Wollundry Ladies: Lake Cowell Gold Mine, 19th Oct., Young, 30th Nov., Doris Elderidge.

Murrumbidgee Combined: Mystery Spring Gardens Tour, 25th Oct. Graham Hornibrook.

Till next month:- *"Look ahead, never back, that way you won't walk into a door"*.

Regards,

Keith.

NEWSLETTER for October, 2006

Our October meeting was opened by President Peter with the usual welcome to all 69 members present, and 16 apologies were received.

There were no visitors to the meeting.

He then inducted Joan O'Malley as a new member by presenting her with her Probus Badge and offering her the friendship of the Probus Organization.

The Probus Prayer was read to the Group by Ailsa Bowman.

The five minute speaker spot was not filled this meeting. Some of the members must have some interesting snippets to impart, so don't be shy and help to fill this spot.

Membership: Gwen Feutrill advised that we now have 103 members and everyone seems to be sporting the new name tags. Badges for the committee members have been obtained in the new style and everyone now has a smart, up to date look.

Birthdays: Birthdays for November are, 2nd Bob Harrison, 6th Janice Vrolyks, 9th Haydn Willetts, 19th Margaret Nash, 22nd Elva Westman and John Vrolyks, 24th Keith Beck, 25th Joan O'Malley, 27th Jim Poile, 29th Beryl Aitkin. Happy birthday to all the November people.

Welfare: Jeanette reported on the people who have been on the unwell list, including Marg Nash, who was able to attend the meeting, along with Ivan Heinjus and Glyn Jones. Also on the list were Col Dunn and Alan Mathew.

It was also good to see Chris Johnston able to attend again.

Guest Speaker: For the meeting was Richard Parnell, Programs Manager, June Correctional Centre. Richard spoke on the activities of the inmates at the Jail, including the cleaning up around the town and work on improvements to the local environment.

He spoke on the Drug Dog unit which was introduced to the centre in 2001, which has reduced the drug incidents considerably, there are some drugs still brought in but he is at a loss to know how it is done. Help is also given to placing inmates in jobs when they are released.

Access is provided as well to other services such as medical and dental.

Activities

Lunches: Joy reported that the lunch that was to be held at the Red Lion didn't happen as they rang the night before to advise that they were ceasing business immediately.

Luckily a phone call to the William Farrer at the last minute resulted in lunch being enjoyed there by all who attended.

The November outing will be a morning tea to be held 'At The Farm', which is on the corner of Gumly Road and the Sturt Highway at Gumly. It will take the form of a Devonshire Tea or you can order cakes sandwiches etc. to suit self. Thursday, 16th November, 9.30am.

Don't forget the Christmas party at the Garden Court Restaurant on Tuesday 12th December.

For those who haven't put their name on the list or paid the \$25 by the November meeting will not be able to attend.

Please bring a gift for the same gender as yourself to the value of \$2 to \$3.

Trips: Ray Fielder is working on a proposed trip to the Loddon Valley in Victoria, possibly 6th-12th March, 2007, providing enough people are interested in going.

For more information and to indicate your interest contact Ray.

Stop Press: Pat Koetz lost a green pen at the last meeting which has great sentimental value, if you happen to have, or have seen Pat's pen please let him know on 69216945.

Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea. Regards
Keith.

NEWSLETTER for November, 2006
OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 23rd January, 2007.

The meeting date listed above will not be a regular meeting but a social day.

We will fill the afternoon with social activities, So bring along any games you have, such as Scrabble, Monopoly or card games etc., that you think would be suitable to play, someone even suggested spin the bottle. If you have some photos that you think would be interesting bring them along as well.

Our November meeting was opened by President Peter in his usual fashion by welcoming 73 members who were in attendance, there were no visitors to the meeting, but 21 apologies were received.

The Probus Prayer was read by Ailsa Bowman.

The five minute speaker/information spot was taken by Elaine Baker to thank the people who sent in shoe boxes for operation 'Christmas Child'.

She informed us that 1700 boxes had been received locally, with 15000 from the Riverina area.

Membership: The membership numbers have not changed since last month with 103 members listed. If you know of any friends who you think would like to join our group, invite them along to enjoy our fellowship. **Birthdays:** 1st Pam Wood, 6th Jan Jones, 12th Bruce Bowman, 18th Alf Westman, 21st Fay Grant, 23rd Nola Carmichael, 26th Chris Johnston. Happy Birthday to all you December people. I hope Santa doesn't get your Christmas and Birthday presents all mixed up

Welfare: Alan reported that Jeanette Carrol was having dental treatment on the meeting day, but don't blame him. Esmee Salmon was also away due to dental treatment. Marg. Nash was back with us after her many trips in and out of hospital.

Guest Speaker: The guest speaker for the meeting was Garry Langtry, who told us of his experiences walking the Kokoda Trail/Track in New Guinea.

He told of the great difficulties in negotiating the terrain and of the many months in training to get fit enough for the walk and how rugged it must have been for the soldiers during the war and of the suffering that they endured fighting the Japanese.

Activities

Lunches: Joy reported that the morning tea held 'At The Farm' at Gumly was a great success, after first worrying about the heat and then about the cold. We have certainly been experiencing some strange weather lately.

For those that have put their names and money in for the Christmas Party on Tuesday 12th December, please bring a gift for the same gender as yourself to the value of \$2 to \$3 .

If your name is not on the list and money not in, it's too late.

The last walking day for the year will be a breakfast barbecue at the Wagga Beach, commencing at 8.00am, on Wednesday, 20th December, we will then go for a walk if we feel like it . The first walk for 2007 will be from Collins Park on Wednesday 7th February.

Loddon Valley Adventure Tour: is organized with Makehams for 12th to 16th March 2007.

Cost will be \$530 pp/ts. A single supplement is available at a low cost. A \$100 deposit with booking.

Itineraries and further information available from Ray Fielder on 69266064.

Other friends and Probiants are invited to come along.

Remember in the New Year, we have the election of office bearers at the March meeting, where we have to elect a male Vice President as well as other committee members, so start thinking about nominations now rather than leaving it till the last minute.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Regards,

Keith.

NEWSLETTER for January: 2007

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2007, I hope everyone has had an enjoyable festive season break and are ready for another year of Probus club meetings and activities.

Our first meeting for the year was held on 23rd January with reports from the following committee members.

Gwen Feutrell reported that we have started the year with 103 members. We need new members to put some fresh blood into the club, so if you have any friends or relatives that you think would make good members, bring them along for a visit to see what we are all about.

Annette Gaynor gave a treasurers report to the fact that the club is in a satisfactory position and we have no need to increase the annual subscription.

Jeanette Carroll said that the only report that she had was that Marie McGuigan was unwell, so we must be a healthy bunch.

Joy Beck reported that the Christmas party was a great success.

We then continued on with a social afternoon with approximately 30 people taking part in cards, scrabble, build a word, geography contest etc. with others having a chatter group. **Activities**

It was agreed to invite the Yathella/Coursing Park CWA to cater for our change over function again this year on 24th April.

The first luncheon of the year will be at the Koorungal Hotel Bistro on Wednesday 21st February, so if you wish to attend contact Joy on 69264686 as soon as possible, for catering purposes.

Ray Fielder, reported that the Loddon Valley trip scheduled for March has had to be cancelled due to insufficient numbers, possibly due to the prevailing climatic conditions.

It is possible that it may be rescheduled for spring.

The walking group will commence this year with a walk commencing from Collins Park at 8.30 am on Wednesday 7th February.

So come along all you people wishing to get fit. We have a long walk for the energetic ones and a short walk for the others, and afterwards we have morning tea to recuperate.

To sum up, a very enjoyable morning.

The Museum of The Riverina is putting together a program called 'Reminiscence Boxes', which is a collection of boxes containing items from the museum, each on a particular theme, and they will be loaned to local clubs for members to reminisce over.

The committee is to write to the Museum indicating our interest to participate.

DON'T FORGET!!!!

The election of committee members will be held at the annual general meeting in March, so put some thought into who you would like to have in the various committee positions and put their nominations in.

After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started to roar. He kept it up till a hunter came along and shot him The moral: When you're full of bull *keep your mouth shut.*

Till next month,

Regards, Keith.

NEWSLETTER for February: 2007

Our February meeting was opened by President Peter with some of his usual repertoire of stories. He then welcomed 72 members and 1 visitor to the meeting. There were 15 apologies.

The Probus Prayer was read by John Pottie.

Membership: The membership numbers as reported by Gwen Feutril stands at 103.

A letter of resignation was received from Diana Shield.

Gwen would like some new members to fill her book, so if you have any friends that you think would like to become members bring them along for a visit.

Birthdays: Birthdays for March are, 7th Shirley Steele, 10th Joyce Angel, 11th Heather McAlister, 14th Lorraine Downey, 15th Pat Koetz, 18th Bernice Piltz, 27th Marie McGuigan, 29th Bill Nash and Helen Davis. Happy birthday to you all and may there be many more.

Welfare: Jeanette and Alan reported that the only members they knew of were, Marie McGuigan and Keith Beck who had been in hospital but were now out and about, and Martin Kendall who is still waiting on test results before undertaking treatment.

If you know of any of our members whom are unwell, please let the welfare officers know so that they can arrange phone calls or visits.

The Walking Group gathers for a social walk every second Wednesday commencing at 8.30am, with a long walk for the fit ones and a short walk for anyone not as fit, then morning tea afterwards. The next walk will be from Collins Park on 7th March and then the 21st.

So come along and enjoy a morning of exercise and friendship

The 'Reminiscence Boxes' project as mentioned in the last news letter will be launched by the Museum of the Riverina on Wednesday 14th March as part of Seniors Week (for details see Seniors Week program). **Guest Speaker:** The guest speaker at the meeting was Greg McLay from the Southern Sports Academy who spoke on the Academy's role in aiding young sports people in their chosen field. The Academy provides guidance in health, nutrition, meditation, discipline and finance among other programs.

The Guest Speaker at next month's meeting will be Sister Barbara Webber from Micah House. **Activities** Joy reported that the February lunch at the Koorringal Hotel was well received by the 30 members who attended.

The next lunch will be at the South Wagga Bowling Club on 22nd March, 12 for 12.30 start as usual and please put your name on the list if you wish to attend, phone Joy on 69264686.

Day Trip to Holbrook: Joy has arranged a day trip to Holbrook on 13th March. Make your own way to Holbrook and meet at the National Museum for Pottery, on the left hand side of the main street at 9.30am. Tour of the museum commences at 10.00 am, cost \$7 entry.

Then we will have lunch (available at various venues in town) and a browse around Holbrook's shops etc. Meet again at the Submarine at 2.00pm for inspection of the Submarine Museum (cost not known at time of printing).

So make up a car load and join in for an enjoyable day.

The Loddon Valley Trip: Ray Fielder has arranged for the Loddon Valley trip, which had to be cancelled in March, to now go ahead from 3rd to 7th September.

The itinerary is the same as previously advised and Ray tells us that the weather will be good, with the El Nino ended; the country will be lovely and green and insures us a good time will be had by all.

A definite cost is not available at this time but should be similar to the last one which was \$530 pp/ts.

Other Probus Club members and/or friends are invited to join the trip.

Bookings and \$100 pp deposits can be made now to ensure seats, but bookings close on 31st May.

Robyn Vella, Tour Organiser for the Loddon Council will make a trip to Wagga to address us at the meeting on 26th June at 2.30 pm, as our guest speaker, and representatives from other clubs are invited to attend.

For further information contact Ray Fielder on 69266064.

Till next month, bye for now.

Keith.

"A moment is not wasted, if a memory is made."

NEWSLETTER for March, 2007

Annual Subscriptions of \$25 are now due.

Please place money or cheques in an envelope with your name on the front. . This makes it easier for the treasurer.

President Peter opened the March meeting and welcomed 79 members and 5 visitors. There were 15 apologies.

The Probus Prayer was read by Robyn King.

Membership: Gwen reported the member numbers as 102. At the committee meeting, ideas were discussed as to conducting a membership drive, further details at a later date.

Birthdays: Those having birthdays in April are, 8th George Cameron, 14th Geoff Baker, 19th Norma Steward, 22nd John Pottie & Bill Corbett, 26th Maurice Salmon & Don Chapman. Happy Birthday to you all and may you all have a great day.

Welfare: The only members to report were John Walker who has had a shoulder operation and was at the meeting with his arm in a sling and Chris Johnston who is still not well.

The next Walking Group meetings will be at Collins Park on 4th & 18th April at 8.30 am.

On 2nd May they will meet at Campbell's at Oura at 9.30 am for a Look See and afterwards at Oura Beach for a barbecue.

Guest Speaker: The Guest Speaker at the meeting was Sister Barbara Webber, who spoke on Micah House, which is a meeting place to provide meals, kindness, help and direction for less fortunate people in the community.

It is housed on the corner of Gurwood & Trail Sts. in Wagga, and is run by volunteers with no government funding.

It relies on grants and donations to operate, and in 2001 assisted 2,500 people, and in 2006; 9,500.

Activities

Annette Gaynor gave a report on the trip to Holbrook and was very impressed with the Pottery Museum and the Otway Submarine display and said the ladies also enjoyed the general store with the 60% discounts.

Joy Beck said the lunch at the South Wagga Bowling Club went well with 34 attending.

The next lunch will be at the Golden Seasons restaurant, on the corner of Forsyth and Berry Sts., on Wednesday, 18th April at 12.00 pm. Names please for seating and catering.

The Loddon Valley trip for September 3rd to 7th is filling well, so please put your names on the list if you don't want to miss out. The cost will be \$535 for a coach load of 30. A deposit will be needed of \$100 pp by 31st May.

For more details please phone Ray Fielder.

Sturt Ladies Probus Club are organizing a 5 day tour to Echuca & Ballarat from 17th to 21st May. For further details contact Betty Hines or Pat Heath.

The Annual General Meeting

At the conclusion of the general meeting the AGM was held, with the election of the committee, resulting as follows: President: Barbara Fielder, Vice President: John Vrolyks, Secretary: Joan Riches, Treasurer: Annette Gaynor, Membership: Gwen Feutrill, Programs: Bernice Piltz, Newsletter: Keith Beck, Activities: Joy Beck, Trips Organizer: Peter Piltz, Welfare: Bruce & Ailsa Bowman, Hospitality: Noreen & Bernie Langtry, Ellen & Ivan Heinjus, Ruth & John Walker. Sgt. At Arms Martin Kendall, Public Officer: Murray Aitken. Welcoming Committee: Martin Kendall, John Walker & Des Gaynor.

The Changeover

The changeover of The Management Committee will be held at the next meeting on 24th April with afternoon tea catered by the Coursing Park-Yathella CWA.

Going on last year's changeover, an excellent afternoon tea will result.

Entertainment will be by the Children's Ensemble from the Wagga High School.

A charge of \$2 per head will be collected at the door.

Till next month.

Regards,

Keith.

NEWSLETTER for April, 2007

The April meeting, being our annual changeover of committee members was opened President Peter, with a welcome to the eleven visitors from the other Wagga Probus Clubs as well as four other visitors. There were 76 of our members present with 19 apologies tendered.

The Probus Prayer was read by Past President, Fay Grant.

Membership: Gwen reported that we have 102 members at the moment and that during the year we inducted four new members and had six resignations.

At the moment we have four new applications for membership which will bring our number up to 106.

Birthdays: The happy celebrants for May are 5th John Walker, 15th Peter Killalea & Jan Williams, 16th Gwen Earsman, 21st Anne Willets, 22nd Esmae Salmon.

Happy birthday to you all, and have a great day.

Welfare: Our thoughts again go out to Chris Johnston for his continuing health problems.

Bernie Langtry was on the unwell list, but is now out and about. Jan Vrolyks is sporting stitches on her forehead.

To any others that are unwell, and that we haven't heard about, have a speedy recovery.

Walking Group: The next walking morning will be on 2nd May, meeting at Campbell's at Oura at 9.30am, with a look see around their yard, we will then proceed to the Oura Beach, with our packed lunches and drinks.

Guest Speaker: The guest speaker at the May meeting will be Jenny Knowles speaking on Health and well being.

Activities

The lunch at the Golden Seasons restaurant was enjoyed by the 27 members who attended.

For the month of May, Joy has organized a morning tea At The Farm at Gumly, on Wednesday, 9th at 9.30am, with a choice of Devonshire Tea, slices or sandwiches.

On Wednesday 23rd we will have a lunch at the Australian Rules Club, Fernleigh Road, commencing at 12.00pm. Place orders at the Bistro and then adjourn to the Function Room.

Ray reports that he has had a good response to the Loddon Valley trip, 3rd -7th September, but some vacancies still exist. Anybody interested in securing a seat are asked to let Ray know as soon as possible.

A waiting list will be established if necessary.

A deposit of \$100 pp is required by the end of May.

NB. Robyn Vella, from Loddon Valley, who was to come to the June meeting to speak about our trip, is now unable to attend.

The Change Over

After finishing the general meeting business, President Peter gave his annual report, and after the outgoing Committee member delivered their brief reports, he then handed the Presidential Collar to incoming President, Barbara Fielder.

Barbara then introduced her incoming committee and thanked the outgoing committee and all the members for their support.

Entertainment was then provided by three members of the Wagga High School Children's Ensemble.

To conclude, a sumptuous afternoon tea was provided by the Yathella/Coursing Park CWA ladies.

If your dog is fat, you are not getting enough exercise.

Till next month,

Regards, Keith.

President:	Barbara Fielder	Welfare:	Ailsa & Bruce Bowman
Vice President:	John Vrolyks	Newsletter:	Keith Beck
Secretary:	Joan Riches	Hospitality:	Noreen & Bernie Langtry
Treasurer:	Annette Gaynor	Hospitality:	Ellen & Ivan Heinjus
Past President:	Peter Piltz	Hospitality:	Ruth & John Walker
Public Officer:	Bob Williams	Trips Organizer	Peter Piltz
Membership:	Gwen Feutrill	Activities:	Joy Beck
		Programs:	Bernice Piltz

NEWSLETTER for May, 2007

President Barbara opened the first meeting of her Presidential year in a very capable and firm way (No hint of nervousness) and welcomed the 62 members who were present. There were 15 apologies. The Probus Prayer was read by Maxine Koetz.

Sadly we have lost one of our members with the passing of Chris Johnston after a long illness. Chris was a member for a number of years and at one time was the editor of the newsletter. President Barbara observed a minutes silence with those present and extended our condolences to Margaret and family.

Membership: Gwen reported that we have 103 members. At the committee meeting resignations were received from Joyce Angel and Gloria Hollis. We were sad to see them go.

President Barbara inducted Jim and Judy McLarty, Roy Possee and Milton Loiterton into the Club, maintaining our membership number at 103.

We welcome the above new members to our club and extend our fellowship to them.

Birthdays: The people celebrating birthdays in June are, 2nd Vince King, 6th Roy Possee, 10th Edna Whitehorn, 12th Joy Beck, 17th Rita Cameron and 29th Maxine Koetz. Happy birthday to all, and may you enjoy the day.

Welfare: Our welfare officers report that Fred Wood has been unwell, but is now feeling better. Martin Kendall has had an operation and is recovering well.

Ray Fielder has had a cataract operation and was not at the last meeting as he thought that his opinions would be a bit one eyed.

If you know of anyone on the not well list please inform our welfare officers, Bruce and Ailsa Bowman. The next Walking Group outing will commence from Apex Park at Lake Albert on 30th May at 8.30am. So come along and get some exercise and have morning tea with the other walkers afterwards.

We will be celebrating our tenth anniversary at the September meeting. More details will be announced later.

A reminder that the annual subs are due, and if not paid by the end of June, you will be unfinancial and no longer a member.

Also our constitution states that members must attend at least 50% of the monthly meetings.

Guest Speaker: The guest speaker at the meeting was Jenny Knowles who spoke on health and well being. Jenny works as a councillor for Quest for Life and Mission Australia, she has also been an air hostess and currently is a presenter on 2AAA FM.

Jenny said we should have a passion for life and stay in the present and not dwell on the past or worry about the future.

Next meeting we will be entertained by the Probuskers accompanied by Elaine Baker and presenting songs from musical shows.

Activities

Joy reported that the morning tea At The Farm and the monthly lunch at the Rules Club were well attended and enjoyed by about 30 Members.

The next luncheon will be at the Home Tavern on Wednesday 20th June 12.00 pm as usual.

The Home Tavern is on the corner of Kincaid and Fitzmaurice Streets and they offer a three course lunch for \$10. Names please to Joy for catering purposes.

Joy is also organizing a day trip to Tumbarrumba in October , more details later.

Deposits for the Loddon Valley trip are due by 31st May, and full payment by the July meeting. Anyone still interesting in going, please contact Ray Fielder.

Till Next month,

Regards,

Keith

NEWSLETTER for June, 2007

President Barbara opened the June meeting in the usual way and welcomed 68 members and one visitor, there were 20 apologies.

The Probus Prayer was read by Ellen Heinjus, who has returned to us after her and Ivan's northern holiday.

Membership: Gwen reported that we now have 100 members.

Resignations were received from Helen and Peter Davis and Yvonne Condon.

We are sad to see them leave our fold but wish them well for the future.

The Committee discussed the need for a membership drive, with the suggestion of conducting a stand in one of the shopping centres, and placing Probus pamphlets in other locations.

In the meantime, if you have friends that you think would like to join our club, bring them along for a visit.

Birthdays: The people having birthdays during cold July are, 8th Keith Bierne and Milton Loiterton, 11th Joyce Harrison, 12th Des Gaynor, 14th Annette Gaynor, 15th Ron Growden, 24th Fred Wood and Glyn Jones, 29th Victor Eade, 31st Elaine Baker and Jean Pottie.

Happy birthday to all our July-ites especially Des Gaynor who is having his 80th.

Congratulations were extended to Alf and Elva Westman who were celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

Neil Harris proudly advised that he had become the Great Grandfather of triplets.

Welfare: Bruce and Ailsa had no one on their welfare list this month, so everyone seems to be healthy, if you know of anyone not well please let Ailsa or Bruce know.

The next Walking Group outing will be at Collins Park on 11th July at 8.30am with morning tea to follow and discuss some exciting future outings.

Guest Speaker: Instead of a guest speaker at the meeting we were entertained by the Probuskers who presented a selection of songs from the musicals.

The Guest Speaker at the next meeting will be John Winterbottom, a local historian, speaking on the history of Wagga Wagga .

Activities

The next lunch date is at the Palm and Pawn Hotel, North Wagga, on Wednesday, 18th July at 12.00pm. Joy reported that the last lunch at the Home Tavern was enjoyed by 30 members, with 20 names on the list and 30 attending, it created problems with the seating, so if you are going to the lunches, your names must be on the list on the Monday before, for catering arrangements. Phone Joy on 69264686.

Joy is also organizing a day trip to Tumbarrumba/Batlow on the 10th October, \$60 ea. for 25 to 30 people, with a greater number reducing the cost.

Visiting the Boggy Creek Show, Pioneer Women's Hut and Springvale Orchard, plus 'A Twisted Yarn Wool Galley' if time permits.

Cost includes lunch, afternoon tea and entry to attractions.

The tour is open to all Probus Clubs. If you wish to join in please phone Joy on 69264686.

The Loddon Valley tour is all set to go, at this time there is a waiting list , phone Ray on 69266064 for further information.

Full payment for the trip must be made by the July meeting.

'He who hesitates is probably right'

Till next month,

Regards, Keith.