



PROBUS CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA GARDEN CITY (C) INC.

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 23rd June 2009.

President Ellen Poile opened her first meeting as our new President by welcoming the 73 members present. There were 28 apologies tendered and Viv and Mavis Littlewood were welcomed as our visitors to the meeting. Ellen is to be congratulated in the running of her first meeting.

Keith Beck read the Probus Prayer and Murray Aitken detailed the fire evacuation drill to begin the proceedings.

President Ellen then inducted Michael and Alcia Dowd as members of our club and presented them with their Club name badges. Michael and Alcia were introduced by Margaret Nash.



Birthdays: The members celebrating birthdays for June are, 2nd Vince King, 6th Roy Possee, 12th Joy Beck, 17th Rita Cameron, 20th Boyd Stone, 26th Joan Stone. Happy birthday to you all and we hope the presents are plentiful.

Welfare: The welfare report was given by Bruce Bowman, as Ailsa is on the not well list in hospital, but Bruce reports that she has given him a list of things to do in her absence.

Ailsa has sent sympathy cards to Gwen Earsman due to the death of her husband Gordon, and to John Smith due to the death of his daughter Carol.

Others on the not well list were Anne Willetts, Gloria Beck, Ray Grant and Lorraine Downey.

With much regret we observed the passing of our well liked member, Glynn Jones. Our condolences are passed to Jan and her family.

Membership: Joy reported that we now have 126 members with two new memberships approved at the committee meeting and they will be inducted at the next general meeting.

Joy advises that all except four members have renewed their subscriptions and thanks all for their support.

Bob and Jan Williams have tended their resignation from the club. We are sorry to see them leave and wish them well for the future.

Activities: Joan reported that the luncheon at the Sportsmans Club Bistro was enjoyed by the 39 members who attended, and the meal and service were excellent.

The lunch at the TAFE College for June is fully booked and paid for. TAFE policy is that there will be no refunds for those not attending.

Joan asked members if they would be interested in going on one day trips and if so, they would be welcome to make some suggestions as to destinations.

John Smit gave a report on the recent combine Probus Clubs trip to Lakes Entrance in Victoria. Nine members of our club along with 26 members of other clubs enjoyed a five day trip around the area, staying at the RSL Glenora motel and visiting some interesting locations.

Guest Speaker: The Guest Speaker at the meeting was Steve Dorman from the Wagga Salvation Army. Steve outlined the founding of the Salvation Army by William Booth in 1865, originally called the Christian Mission and officially became The Salvation Army in 1878.

The Salvation Army arrived in Australia in 1888 in Adelaide and then spread across the country.

The Salvation Army is a Christian Church, but is known far and wide for its social work in such areas as bushfire and disaster relief, as well as aiding people in destitute and disadvantaged conditions.

At the conclusion Steve was thanked by Bernice Piltz and presented with a memento from our club.

The Guest Speaker at the next meeting will be Leigh Spokes, who will be speaking on diabetes and its effects and treatment.

Combined Probus Club trips

The trip to Wyong planned for August has been cancelled due to insufficient numbers.

A one day trip to Canberra is being organized for September. Further details will be advised as they come to hand.

The Flinders Ranges trip on 7th to 13th October has a waiting list, but if you are interested, add your name to the list as there are sure to be some cancellations.

The Dandenong trip on 19th to 22nd October still has some vacancies.

A trip to Katoomba is being organized for 15th-19th March, 2010, no cost or details as yet.

An overnight trip to Hay is being planned, but a date has not been decided on .

The Garden City Probus Club Walking Group is going on a walk at Junee on 22nd July, traveling there by Junee Buses and spending the day.

All members are welcome to join in the walking group which holds a walk every second Wednesday somewhere in the area.

For Walking Club details contact Martin Kendal on 69313089.

“I was in a very generous mood today,” a woman says to her friend.
“I gave a poor beggar \$25.”
“That’s a lot of money to give away,” says her friend. “What did your husband say?”
“He said thank you.”



Till next month.

Regards,

Keith.

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 25th August 2009.

President Ellen Poile opened the meeting by welcoming the 76 members who were in attendance, along with the four visitors to our Club.

There were 21 apologies tendered.

Ellen stated that she was surprised at the number at the meeting, in spite of some heading north to the warmer climate for the winter, and some who may have the flu, stating that none at the meeting seemed to be coughing or sneezing.

The Probus Prayer was read by Jim Poile.

Murray Aitken then advised of the fire evacuation procedure, as is required.

Ellen Poile informed members of the Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoe box appeal.

Shoe boxes are made up to send to disadvantage children in third world countries, as many have never received a Christmas present. Things to include in the box, such as biros, pencils, writing paper and small toys, to fit in a shoe box. No Textas or items to do with gambling or war.

Birthdays: Those celebrating their birthday in August are, 15th Joan Corbett & Robyn Kirchener, 11th Peter Bungay, 12th Anne Van Well, 13th Ruth Davis, 14th Ellen Heinjus, 15th Joan Beirne, 16th Gwen Feutrill, 22nd Gloria Beck, 25th Joan Breust. Have a great day and remember spring is not far away.



Welfare: Ailsa advised that she had received thank you cards from the members to whom get well cards had been sent.

She said that she had no knowledge of any members who were unwell, and that if anyone knew of members who were, to please let her know so that arrangements could be made to send them cards or arrange for visits or calls to cheer them up.

Membership: Joy advised that the membership numbers were 127 and that we still had vacancies for a further 13 members to reach our member ceiling.

Activities: As Joan Stone is away on holiday, Joy Beck is filling in for her and advised that the lunch at Romano's in July was enjoyed by 42 members.

The August lunch will be at Wagga RSL Club Chinese Restaurant, on Wednesday, 12th August, 12.00 pm, as usual. Please ring Joy on 69264686, by Monday, 10th if your name was not entered on the list at the last meeting and you wish to attend.

The September activity will be a morning tea at 'At The Farm' at Gumly, on Wednesday, 9th September, with a 10 for 10.30am start. A list for those wishing to attend will be at the August meeting.

Joan Stone is also organizing a one day bus trip to Albury on 14th October, the cost will be \$28 for 35 on the bus or \$25 if 40 join the trip.

Full details will be given at the August and September Meetings.

The Christmas party this year will be at the Garden Court Restaurant on Tuesday, 8th December, more details to follow.

Twenty-seven members of the Walking Group recently enjoyed a day trip to Junee, traveling with Junee Busses and visited the museum, had lunch at the Loftus Hotel, inspected the Swimming Centre and the Roundhouse Museum.



The Walking Group meets every second Wednesday at 8.30am at various localities and conducts short and long walks, with morning tea to follow. All members are welcome to join in. Contact Martin Kendall on 69313089 for further information and dates.

Guest Speaker: The Guest Speaker at the July meeting was Kevin Wales. Kevin was born in Greenacre, Sydney, and took a position as police clerk for a period and then joined the force in the uniform branch and walked the beat in Redfern, then transferred to Henty, and Hay, promoted to sergeant at Nundle, moved to Kootingal, near Tamworth, then Temora.

In 1986 he moved to Wagga and was promoted to Inspector in 1988 before retiring in 1995.

After retiring, Kevin then nominated for, and attained a position as an alderman on the Wagga Wagga City Council, a position he still holds. Kevin also served as Mayor for 4 ½ years.

The Guest Speaker at the August meeting will be Dianna Shield, who was unavailable for the July meeting, to talk about her trip to Israel.

Combined Probus Club Trips

The final payment for the Flinders Ranges trip will be due by 11th August.

Final payment for the Dandenong trip will be due by 9th September. There are still some vacancies on this trip.

A one day trip to Canberra will be held on 25th September at a cost of \$ 63.00 .

A trip to the Blue Mountains, and Sydney has been organized for 1st- 5th March 2010, the cost will be \$670.00 pp.

A weekend trip to Hay and a possible day trip to Gundagai are being organized.

For further information contact your Club's trip organizer.

"Get this!" said the man to his co-workers, "Last night while I was down at the pub with you guys, a burglar broke into my house".

"Did he get anything?" his friends asked.

"Yeah, a broken jaw, six teeth knocked out, and a big lump on the head.

"The wife thought it was me coming home drunk."

Till next month,
Regards, Keith.

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 22nd September 2009.

President Ellen Poile opened the meeting and welcomed the 71 members who were in attendance, as well as Jim Saligari and Bernice Munro, who were our visitors for the day. There were 27 apologies tendered to the meeting.

Murray Aitken outlined the emergency evacuation procedures as required.

The Probus Prayer was read by Joan Riches.

Birthdays: The members celebrating their birthdays in September are, 1st Norma Judd, 6th Alan Mathew & Ronda Lampe, 8th Laurel Macdonald, 12th Lyn Stackenburg, 15th Ivan Heinjus, 18th Ruth Walker & Barb Fielder, 19th Marie Tulk, 26th Dorothy Eade, 27th Noreen Langtry & Alcia Dowd, 30th Robyn King, Bill Prest & Bruce McAlister.

May good things come your way and have a happy day.

Welfare: The only members on Ailsa's list this month were, Vince King, John Walker and Dorothy Prest. We hope you all have a quick recovery.

Please advise Ailsa if you know of any member who is not well so that cards or visits can be arranged.

Membership: Joy advised that we currently have 127 members, with several other people enquiring about joining the club.

Activities: Joan advised that 36 members were in attendance at the August lunch at the RSL Club Chinese Restaurant.

The September activity will be morning tea at "At The Farm" at Gumly, on Wednesday, 9th September, 10am. The scones and cream are delicious and are said to be 'good for you'!!



Don't forget to put your name on the list for the Christmas Party on at the Garden Court Restaurant, on Tuesday, 8th December.

Joan has also organized a day trip to Albury on 14th October, travelling by coach, with morning tea in the Town Centre and lunch at your choice of venue and then going to Peard's nursery, Spotlight or any other business in

that area and then going to the SPC and Sara Lea outlets in Lavington.

Cost will be \$25 or \$28 depending on numbers on the bus.

As this is the walking club's normal walking day they will be joining the trip and "having a walk in Albury".



During the monthly meetings, our Sergeant at Arms, Martin Kendall moves around the room collecting "fines" from members for such "offences" as not wearing name badges, having birthdays, wedding anniversaries, appearing in the paper or on television.

These fines are at members discretion and a suggestion is a silver or gold coin.

The money raised goes to club activities such as buying orange and lemon drinks and lollies on the Christmas Party tables.

Guest Speaker: The Guest Speaker at the August meeting was Diana Shield. Diana was born in South Australia and on completion of schooling trained as a nurse.

Diana is the mother of three daughters, and has worked at Caloola Court and in prayer ministries.

She has travelled to China, USA, Europe, UK, East Timor & Vanuatu.

Diana spent seven months in Israel, which was the topic of her talk, living and working in a communal settlement aiding war traumatized people.

The Guest Speaker at the September meeting will be David Croft who is a former Department of Agriculture Officer.

Combined Probus Club Trips

A one day trip to Canberra will be held on 25th September, price is yet to be announced.

There will be a one day trip to Griffith, on 17th October, \$60 with morning and afternoon tea and lunch provided.

The Flinders Ranges trip on 7th to 13th October, and The Dandenong trip on 19th to 22nd October still have some vacancies.

A five day four night trip to The Blue Mountains has been organized for 1st – 5th March, 2010, and will include tours around the Katoomba area and a day trip to Sydney for a tour of Mascot airport and a Sydney Harbour cruise. The cost will be \$670.00 pp.

A two day trip to Hay is being planned for April/May 2010.

For further details on any of the above trips contact our tours officer, John Smit, ph 69319727.

A man goes to the doctor and tells him he has not been feeling well.

The doctor examines him, leaves the room and comes back with three different bottles of pills. The doctor says, "Take the green pill with a big glass of water when you get up. Take the blue pill with a big glass of water after lunch. Then just before going to bed, take the red pill with another big glass of water".

Startled to be put on so much medicine the man stammers, "Jeez doc, exactly what's my problem?"

The doctor says, "You're not drinking enough water."

Till next month,

Regards,

Keith.

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 27th October, 2009.

President, Ellen Poile opened the meeting and welcomed the 74 members who were present, as well as our visitors, Bernice Munro, Anne Peacock and Malcolm Alexander.

There were 23 apologies tendered and accepted.

Due to our fire safety officer being unavailable Ellen gave a brief outline of the fire evacuation procedures.

The Probus Prayer was read by Margaret Johnston.

Keith Beck introduced Jim Saligari as a new member to the club and President Ellen presented Jim with his club name badge and welcomed him to our club.



Birthdays: The following members will be celebrating their birthday in October: 2nd Murray Aitken, 5th Ellen Poile, 8th Bernie Langtry, 11th Robert Stakenburg, 12th Margaret Johnston, 20th Ray Fielder, 21st Neil Harris, 24th Eileen Hargreaves & Ailsa Bowman, 25th Betty Loiterton, 27th Nola Chapman, 31st Col Dunn.
May you all have a great day.

Welfare: Ailsa reported that she had sent get well cards to Betty Baker and Vince King who had been unwell and had received thank you cards in return. Ailsa said that they were the only ones that she had on her welfare list.

Betty and Vince were at the meeting, so it is to be hoped that they have fully recovered.

If you know of any members who are not well and need cheering up please, let Ailsa know.

Membership: Joy advised that the membership now stands at 128 and the three visitors at the meeting have now applied to join.

Activities: Joan gave a report on the morning tea held "At The Farm" to which 34 members attended. Joan said that it was an enjoyable morning although some of the scones that were served were a bit disappointing.

The next Club luncheon will be at the RSL Club on Wednesday, 14th October, 12.00pm for 12.30pm start. It will be a 2 course meal with tea and coffee and table service. Cost will be \$13.50 pp.

Please let Joan know if your name is not on her list and you wish to attend by Monday 19th for catering.

The proposed day trip to Albury has been cancelled due to a clash with other Probus trips and a lack of

numbers.

Guest Speaker: The Guest Speaker at the meeting was David Croft, who was the Agricultural Protection Officer for the Murray, Murrumbidgee & Riverina, based at the Wagga Agricultural Institute with the Department of Primary Industries, before retiring in March this year.

David was involved in research on foxes, rabbits, feral pigs, wild dogs, feral goats and rodents until 1987, when he was appointed as the Agricultural Protection Officer.

David gave a highly humorous and informative talk on the control of pest animals, starting from the time he was a 19 year old university student and thought he knew everything, and to some of the off beat happenings in his career.

He outlined the devastating effect of the above pest animals and locusts and the control measures needed and the cost to the community of these measures.

David was introduced by Bernice Piltz, and at the end of his presentation was thanked by Vince King and given a gift as a token of our appreciation.

The Guest Speaker at the October meeting will be Graham Gorrell, a former editor at the Daily Advertiser.

Combined Probus Club Trips

There will be a day trip to Griffith, on the 17th October, with morning tea and lunch provided, for a cost of \$60.

There are still a limited number of seats available on the Dandenong trip on 19th to 22nd October, at \$500 pp.

A Melbourne Cup Day function is to be held at the Uranquinty Hotel.

A trip to the Blue Mountains has been organized for 1st-5th March, 2010. At a cost of \$500.00 pp.

A deposit of \$100 is required by November 15th and the balance by mid January 2010.

A 2 day trip to Hay is being planned for mid May 2010, and a day trip to Gundagai is also being planned.

Contact our Trips Officer John Smit for further details.



*Just think, if it weren't for marriage
men would go through life believing
that they had **no faults at all.***

Till next month,
Regards,
Keith.

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 22nd November, 2009.

President, Ellen Poile opened the meeting by welcoming the 71 members present as well as our visitors to the meeting, being Bill Lampe and Shirley Kenny.
There were 19 apologies tendered.

Murray Aitken, our Safety Officer then delivered the obligatory fire safety and evacuation address.

The Probust Prayer was read by Betty Loiterton.

A minutes silence was observed to honour the passing of Alf Westman, who will be missed by us all.

John Whiles introduced Malcolm Alexander and Anne Peacock, who were then inducted to the Club by President Ellen, who wished them a happy association with us.



Birthdays: The members celebrating their birthdays during November are, 2nd Bob Harrison, 6th Janice Vrolyks, 8th Warren Tulk, 9th Haydn Willetts, 11th Michael Dowd, 19th Margaret Nash, 22nd Elva Westman & John Vrolyks, 24th Keith Beck, 26th John Beck, 27th Jim Poile, 29th Beryl Aitken.

Happy birthday all you Novemberites, have a great day.

Welfare: Ailsa reported that she had sent a sympathy card to Elva Westman, with our condolences for the passing of Alf, and a get well card to Gloria Beck who had been unwell.

Elaine Baker has advised Ailsa that she will be going into Calvary Hospital on the 5th November for 10 days, the first 5 she will be in ICU but would welcome visitors after that.

Others on the not well list were Pam Wood and Barb Fielder.

Ailsa will be away from the 12th-26th November, to advise of anyone who is unwell please contact Ellen Poile.

Membership: Joy advised that our Membership now stands at 129 and she has received an application from Bill Lampe to join our club.

Activities: Joan gave a report on last month's luncheon at the RSL Club, which was attended by 24 members who enjoyed an excellent 2 course meal.

The RSL Club provided a function room with table service, bread rolls and tea and coffee.

The next lunch will be at the William Farrer Bistro, on Wednesday, 11th November, 12.00 pm for 12.30 pm start, as usual.

Please let Joan know if you wish to attend by Monday 9th for catering purposes.

The money, in an envelope with your name on it, for the Christmas Party will be required at the November meeting. The cost is \$32.00, which will include a 2 course meal, with juice and water on the table.

If you would like some Chrissie decorations on the table bring them along.



Guest Speaker: The Guest Speaker at the meeting was Graham Gorrell, the editor until his recent retirement at The Daily Advertiser.

Graham started his working life in 1956 with the Southern Riverina County Council before joining The Advertiser, in 1958 as a journalist, then remaining with the Advertiser, which became part of the Fairfax Group. He then spent time in England in the newspaper business before returning to the Daily Advertiser.

He entertained us with some of the happenings in the newspaper industry and explained some of the changes to the way the news is brought to us today.

The Guest Speakers at the November meeting will be Geoff Amos and Arthur Priest, from Riding For The Disabled.

Combined Probus Club trips

John Smit gave a report on the recent trip to the Flinders Ranges which was enjoyed by all in spite of the dust storm on the way home.

A trip to the Blue Mountains has been organized for 1st – 5th March, 2010 at a cost of \$670 pp.

A deposit of \$100 pp is required by 14th November and the balance by mid January.

This trip is filling fast. For more information or bookings contact John Smit.

Son asked his mother the following question:

“Mum why are wedding dresses white?” The mother looks at her son and replies:

“Son, this shows your friends and relatives that your bride is pure”.

The son thanks his mum and goes off to double-check this with his father.

“Dad why are wedding dresses white?”

The father looks at his son in surprise and says:

“Son all household appliances come in white.”

Till next month,

Regards,

Keith.

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; **Wednesday, 27th January, 2010. NOTE**



Due to the fourth Tuesday in the month being Australia Day the meeting has been moved to the above date.
 The venue of the meeting has also needed to be changed due to the unavailability of the Senior Citizens Centre.
 The meeting will now be held in the **Baptist Church Hall** which is in Tarcutta St. to the rear of Myer's car park.

President, Ellen Poile opened the last meeting for the year by welcoming the 80 members present, as well as Bernice Munro, our visitor to the meeting.
There were 30 apologies tendered from those unable to attend.

President Ellen then explained the emergency evacuation procedures, and explained that the Council has now installed a ramp to the south side entrance, which will make entry/exit for those in wheelchairs or using walkers easier.

The Probus Prayer was read by Dell Bungay.



Birthdays: Those members celebrating birthdays in December are, 1st Pam Woods & John Whiles, 6th Jan Jones, 12th Bruce Bowman, 18th Kay Smith & Norma Gray, 21st Fay Grant, 23rd Nola Carmichael.

The January birthdays are, 3rd Ray Grant & Jeanette Carroll, 12th Jean Jenkins, 15th Dorothy Prest & Jim McLarty, 18th John Smit, 21st Joy Hancock, 23rd Frank Downey, 24th Martin Kendall, Leonie Kendall & Jock Meiklejohn, 25th Joan Taylor, 26th Betty Baker & Shirley Meiklejohn. May you all have a happy birthday and I hope the festive season will be kind to you all.

Welfare: Ailsa reported that she had received a thank you card from Pam Wood who had been on the sick list, and she had also sent a card to Marie Tulk. Elaine Baker was recovering after her operation. Alcia Dowd was also reported as on the unwell list. Our thoughts go to these members and any others who are not feeling well. If you know of other members who are not well please let Ailsa know so that she can send a card or arrange for someone to visit them.

Membership: Joy advised that we now have 129 members and that Bill Lampe has been approved by the Committee to join the club. Bill will be inducted at the next meeting.

Activities: Joan reported that the October luncheon at the William Farrer Bistro was well supported by 37 of

our members, who enjoyed a good meal.

The next lunch will be at the Golden Seasons Restaurant on Wednesday, 13th January, 2010. Please let Joan know if you wish to participate and your name is not already on her list.

Guest Speakers: The Guest Speakers at the meeting were Geoff Amos & Arthur Priest from Riding For The Disabled.

Riding for the disabled was started in England, and came to Brisbane in 1964, NSW in 1973 and Wagga in 1980. RDA operates 6 days per week, with 18 riding horses and one carriage horse catering for 115 participants and carers.

RDA have had participants in the Paralympics in Hong Kong in 2008, UK 2007, winning medals, 2004 Athens silver and bronze medals.

RDA are conducting a Christmas raffle of a hand crafted rocking horse, tickets are available from RDA's Finchley Centre on Plumpton Road.

We will have a mystery guest speaker at the next meeting, who will talk on the meaning of Australia day, and then will invite members to speak on their experiences of past Australia Days.



Combined Probus Club's trips

A two day trip to Hay has been organized for 8th/9th May, 2010. The cost will be \$300 twin share.

A one day bus trip to Gundagai, visiting the old gaol and craft shop, as well as other locations is being planned for some time in 2010.

The Blue Mountains trip is going ahead but there is a waiting list of those wishing to participate. For information on these trips contact our trips officer, John Smit.

Priests' Coaches are conducting a 12 day trip to Central Australia, in July 2010. For details on this trip contact Priests Coaches or John Smit.

The Christmas Party

On the 8th December, 84 merry members gathered at the Garden Court Restaurant to celebrate Christmas and the end of the Probus year. An excellent meal was enjoyed by all, with the tables decorated in a festive theme. The music provided by Robyn Morrow and Joy Allen was appreciated by all and our thanks must go to these wonderful ladies.

Something to consider over the holidays

With the Annual General Meeting coming up at the end of March, start thinking about who you would like to fill the positions on our Management Committee.



**A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY NEW YEAR
TO EVERYONE.**

Till next year,
Regards,
Keith.



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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 23rd February, 2010.



President Ellen Poile opened the meeting, which was held this month in the Baptist Church Hall, by wishing everyone a happy New Year and thanking them for venturing out on such a hot day. She then welcomed the 52 members who were present. There were 38 apologies tendered.

Bruce Bowman read the Probus Prayer.

President Ellen then inducted our new member, Bill Lampe to the club by presenting him with his name badge and extending to him our wishes of friendship hospitality.

A minutes silence was held in memory of our late member, Victor Eade and our condolences were extended to Dorothy and their families.

Birthdays: The birthday celebrations for February will be by, 2nd Peter Piltz & Ann Peacock, 7th Audrey Killalea & Rita Smit, 11th Bill Pascall & Bill Van Well, 13th Nancy Dunn, 16th Joan Riches & Peter Meiklejohn, 28th John Smith.

May you all have a great day with many more birthdays to come.

Welfare: Ailsa reported that she had received cards from Marie Tulk and Elva Westman thanking her for the get well and sympathy cards sent on behalf of our club.

Nick Van Styne is in the Base Hospital.

If you know of any members who are not well let Ailsa know and also advise our President of the situation.

Membership: Joy advised that our membership numbers have risen and fallen slightly and are now at 128.

Activities: Joan gave a report on the Christmas Luncheon which she found very pleasing with 87 members in attendance. The January luncheon was held at the Golden Seasons Restaurant with 37 in attendance.

Everyone enjoyed their meal and commented on the excellent selection available on the buffet.

The February luncheon will be held at the Sportsman's Club Hotel on Wednesday, 10th February, 12.00 pm as usual. If your name is not on Joan's list and you wish to attend please let Joan know by the Monday previous for catering purposes.

Guest Speaker: Murray Aitken was the Guest Speaker at the meeting and spoke about what Australia Day meant to him and conducted an Australia trivia quiz.

The winners of the quiz were Ailsa Bowman and Warren Tulk.

This was followed by an amusing story from Frank Downey.



The Guest Speaker at the next meeting will be Jenny Ducie speaking about the Inner Wheel Club which is an organization for wives and partners of Rotarians.

The Walking Group: The fortnightly walks will begin again on Wednesday, 10th February, at 8.30 am from Collins Park; as usual there will be a short walk and a long walk, with morning tea afterwards. So come along members and enjoy some exercise and fellowship.

Combined Probus Club Trips

A snowy Mountains trip has been organized from 22nd to 25th March.

A two day trip to Hay will be on from 1st to 2nd May

A three day trip to the Ballarat and Bendigo area, and another 2 day trip to Jerilderie are being considered, (details when available), also a one day trip to Darlington Point possibly in April.

A 12 day trip to Central Australia is planned from Saturday, 10th to Wednesday, 21st July. We will travel by coach to Sydney, with an overnight stay, and then fly to Alice Springs.

Taking in tours of the Alice region, Ayers Rock, Coober Pedy, a cruise on the Spencer Gulf, The Clare Valley and a dinner cruise at Mildura will be a small example of the many interesting places visited. The cost will be \$2922.00 twin share.



A trip to Lightning Ridge is in the planning stages for some time in 2011.

For further details contact John Smit, our Tours Officer.

Important Notice

Our Annual General Meeting is coming up in March and we need nominations for the positions on the Management Committee at the February meeting.

So put some thought into who you would like to be running your club. Remember no Committee and the club will cease to operate.

The March meeting has had to be moved to the fifth Tuesday in March as the Senior's Centre is unavailable on our regular meeting day.

*I asked my wife if she had seen this morning's paper. She said.
"Yes, I wrapped the garbage in it....just the classified section though."*

I said, "But...but...I haven't seen it yet

*She replies, "Oh, you didn't miss much.
Just some egg shells, coffee grounds and a few orange peels."*

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Regards,
Keith.

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 30th March. NOTE, this is the FIFTH Tuesday, as the Senior Citizens Centre is unavailable on our usual day.

President Ellen Poile opened the February meeting by welcoming the 80 members present, as well as our three visitors for the day, who were Bernice Munro, Pauline Mead and Jenny Ducie. There were 28 apologies tendered by those unable to attend.

Barbara Fielder read the Probus Prayer, and Murray Aitken explained to us how we should evacuate the building in case of fire.

Birthdays: The birthday list for March, 8th Karin Pettitt, 9th Judy McLarty, 11th Heather McAlister, 14th Lorraine Downey, 13th Lorraine Barrassi, 18th Bernice Piltz, 21st Maureen Nugent, 24th Helen Veliscek, 27th Marie McGuigan, 29th Bill Nash, 30th Brian Hancock.

Have a happy day and do something outrageous.



Welfare: Ailsa reported that she had received thank you cards from Nick VanStyn and John Pottie in reply to the get well cards that she had sent to them and a thank you card from Dorothy Eade in reply for a sympathy card sent due to the recent passing of Vic.

Ailsa stated she had also sent a get well card to Rita Cameron and advised us that Alan Mathew was again in hospital.

Membership: Joy advised that our membership numbers remain at 129 and our member ceiling is 140, so we can still accept some more members. Joy also brings to your attention that the Probus Constitution requires that members attend at least 50% of the meetings each year or apply for a Leave of Absence if unable to attend due to ill health or other unforeseen circumstances.

Activities: Joan reported that the recent lunch at the Sportsmans Club Hotel was excellent with good meals and speedy service and was well attended by 31 members, and that she had received apologies from 10 people who were unable to attend.

She said that these numbers show the popularity of these club lunches.

The lunch date for March is on Wednesday, the 10th, at the RSL Club Chinese Restaurant, 12.00 pm, as usual. As Joan will be away, if your names are not already on the list, please let Joy Beck know by leaving a message on the answering machine at 69264686 before Monday 8th for catering arrangements.

Guest Speaker: The guest speakers at the meeting were Jenny Ducie and Pauline Mead who gave a talk about the Inner Wheel Club, which is part of an international movement, whose members consist of wives, partners

and relatives of Rotarians.

Inner Wheel has 147 clubs in Australia with 33,000 members, and has been active in Wagga for 23 years. The club is mainly a friendship club but also raises money for various charities.

At the moment they are raising money for cord blood stem cell research. They will be holding a sausage sizzle fundraiser at Bunnings Hardware on 13th June.

The guest speaker at the March meeting will be Kathy Smith from Kurrajong Waratah, which is a facility for disabled people.

The Walking Group: Will be heading off at 8.30 am from Collins Park on Wednesday, 10th March, so come along and join in for some exercise and some morning tea and a chat afterwards.

Combined Probus Club Trips

A snowy Mountains trip has been organized from 22nd to 25th March.

A two day trip to Hay will be on from 1st to 2nd May at \$225

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A trip to the Blue Mountains has been organized from September 14th- 18th. More details as they come to hand.

A 2 day Jerilderie and Echuca trip is being planned for the end of the year.

A one day trip to Gundagai, visiting the Old Gaol and Lanigan Abbey is in the planning stages and a trip to the Bendigo and Ballarat area, as well as a trip to Lightning Ridge are being considered some time in 2011.

For further details on the above trips contact John Smit, our Tours Officer.

By the time you receive this newsletter, 27 happy members of our club, along with some members of other Probus Clubs will be enjoying a trip to the Blue Mountains. We will have a report at the March meeting.



An elderly gentleman was strolling through a quiet residential neighborhood, in Bourkelands, when he came upon little Johnny sitting on the curb, crying.

What's the trouble, son?" he asked. "Are you lost?"

"Worse than that," Johnny sobbed. "Mom lost her book on child rearing and now she's using her own judgement!"

Till next month,
Regards,
Keith.

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 27th April, 2010.

President Ellen Poile opened the meeting and commented that by the noise and chatter everyone seemed to be socializing well. She then welcomed the 84 members in attendance and Shirley Kenny who was our visitor for the meeting.

There were 17 apologies tendered by those who were unable to attend.

Bill Prest read the Probus Prayer, and then Murray Aitken gave the usual fire evacuation procedures, and reminded us that daylight saving was about to end and it was time to check our smoke alarms, and change the batteries if necessary.



Birthdays: Those members celebrating birthdays during April are, 2nd Rita Wilson, 8th George Cameron, 14th Geoff Baker, 15th Pam Whites, 19th Norma Steward, 22nd John Pottie & Bill Corbett, 26th Maurice Salmon & Don Chapman.

Wear a huge smile and have a great day.

Welfare: Ailsa advised that she had sent a sympathy card to Ronda Lampe due to the death of her father and had also sent a get well card to Rita Cameron.

Membership: Joy advised that we have 128 members, and that the annual subscriptions are now due. The subscriptions have been lowered from the normal \$25 to \$20 for this year. Please put the money in an envelope with your name/s on the front and give to Treasurer, Barbara.

Activities: Joan reported that the March luncheon at the RSL Club was enjoyed by 38 people, and that the next lunch date is at the William Farrer Bistro, on Wednesday, 14th April, 12.00pm as usual. Numbers to Joan please by Monday 12th.

The Walking Group: Martin Kendall gave a report on their fortnightly walk on Wednesday, 24th March from the Rules Club, and after morning tea, some inspected the Australian Pen Museum in the Tolland Hardware Store. Walking mornings in April will be on 7th & 21st.

So if you need some exercise come along, join in, walk, have some morning tea and a friendly chat.

Guest Speaker: The Guest Speaker at the meeting was David Crofts, a retired Dept. of Agriculture Extension Officer. David gave an interesting and very amusing talk on the problems God would have creating the world the way things are tied up in red tape and controversy today.

He also kept us entertained with the difference between a woman and a man taking a shower.



The Annual General Meeting

President Ellen closed the monthly meeting, then opened the AGM and gave her President's annual report, in which she thanked her committee and all the other club members for their help and support during the year. Murray Aitken was then invited to take the floor and conduct the election of Committee members for the coming year.

The change over of Committee members will take place at next month's meeting, with two representatives from each of the other Wagga Probus Clubs invited to attend.

A superb afternoon tea will be provided by the ladies of the Yathella/Coursing Park CWA at a cost of \$6 per head.

Cost to members will be \$5 per head with the club making up the \$1 difference.

Bernice has arranged for the Rugby Choir to entertain us at the Changeover.

Combined Probus Club Trips

A trip to CSU on 20th April. Leave from RSL car park in Priest's coach at 9.30am and arrive back 1.00pm. Visit to the Equestrian Centre & the Cheese Factory tour as well as wine tasting. Cost will be \$21. Contact Marie Papworth on 69261501.

Koorungal Men's Probus one day trip to Darlington Point on 28th April. This trip is fully booked but a waiting list will determine whether a second trip is viable.

The two day trip to Hay from 1st to 2nd May is fully booked at this stage, but there is a waiting list in case some pull out.

Contact Jean Spurge on 69265701.

The Central Australia trip from 10th to 21st July has had to be cancelled due to insufficient numbers.

A trip to the Blue Mountains is proposed for 14th to 18th September and is being well supported. If interested contact Barbara Jenkins on 69266557 or Colin Curtis on 69253384.

A trip is being arranged to the Jerilderie-Echuca area on 8th & 9th of November. Cost will be between \$215 & \$220 depending on numbers going. Contact John Smit on 69319727.

An African tribesman went to see a witch doctor.

"Doc!", he said "I have this terrible rash. Can you give me something to cure it?"

"Sure said the doc, you have to kill your best friend, put him in a pot & boil him down well and then rub the solution on the rash.

Several days later he goes back to the witch doctor and says, "Doc, I killed my best friend, put him in a pot and boiled him like you said and rubbed the solution on the rash, it's been cured, what do you call this stuff?"

The Doc replied!!!! "Pal o mine lotion."

(Thanks to Frank Downey)

Till next month,

Regards,

Keith.

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 25th May, 2010.

President, Ellen Poile opened the meeting by greeting the 86 members and Bernice Munro and Shirley Kenny who were our visitors at the meeting.

Ellen also greeted the 12 visiting members of the other Wagga Wagga Probust clubs who were representatives at our Changeover Meeting.

There were 21 apologies accepted from those members who were unable to attend.

Gwen Feutril read the Probust Prayer, which was followed by Murray Aitken's rendition of the fire drill.

Birthdays: Those members celebrating birthdays during May are, 5th John Walker, 9th Alan Davis, 15th Peter Killalea, 16th Gwen Earsman, 19th Harold Wilson, 21st Anne Willets & Nick Van Styn, 22nd Esmee Salmon.

Congratulations to you all, have a great day and may there be many more of them.

Welfare: Ailsa reported that she had received a thank you card from Joan Byrne in response to a get well card that Ailsa had sent to Joan recently. Ailsa said that she had no others on her unwell list. As our new Welfare officer for the coming year is Rita Wilson, please contact Rita if you know of any members who are not well and could need some cheering up.

Membership: Joy advised that our membership is still at 128 but we now have two new membership applications to be approved at the next Committee meeting.

Members are reminded that the annual subscriptions are now overdue and if not paid before the June meeting you will be considered unfinancial and no longer a member.

Subscriptions for this year are \$20.

Joy and Treasurer Barbara would like to thank those members who have paid their subs promptly.

Activities: Joan advised that there were 34 members at the last luncheon at the William Farrer Bistro. She said that the lunch was enjoyed by all present except the ones who ordered the pork.

The next lunch will be at the Golden Seasons Restaurant on Wednesday, 12th May, at 12.00pm, as usual. Please let Joan know if you wish to attend by Monday, 10th.

Joan has a 'mystery' tour organized on Wednesday, June 9th, starting from the Cross St. car park at 8.00am and returning by 5.00pm. The cost will be \$50 per head and will include morning tea, lunch and the bus. (Even Joan doesn't know where we are going.)

If you wish to participate, the money must be paid by the May meeting, in an envelope with your

name on the front.

Ring Joan if you are interested because the places on the bus are filling fast.

The change over: Preceding our annual changeover we were entertained by the Wagga Wagga Rugby Choir, who provided an excellent bracket of songs, including some oldies, some from the war times, some from Wales and some Australian.

The Rugby Choir advised us of their upcoming concert to be held in the Civic Theatre at 8.00pm on the 31st July.

Then an excellent afternoon tea was provided by the Yathella-Coursing Park CWA Ladies and we would like to congratulate the ladies on their effort.

President Ellen then thanked the outgoing committee members for their support during the last year and then called on Boyd Stone, our incoming President, to come forward and passed the collar of office to him and wished every success in the year ahead.

Boyd then asked the incoming Committee members to come forward, and introduced them to the club members.



*Ellen presenting Boyd
With the President's pin*

Guest Speaker: The guest speaker at the May meeting will be Dr. Jude. Dr. Jude has to be at the club by 1.45pm to be able to fit his address into his busy schedule. So be on time.

Combined Probus Club Trips

Wollundry Ladies are organising a 'mystery' one day trip for the 3rd week of July.

A trip to the Blue Mountains is proposed for 14th to 18th September and is being well supported. If interested contact Barbara Jenkins on 69266557 or Colin Curtis on 69253384.

Investigations are being made into a possible 5 or 6 day trip to the Bendigo-Ballarat area on the 20th September.

A trip is being arranged to the Jerilderie-Echuca area on 8th & 9th of November. Cost will be between \$215 & \$220 depending on numbers going. Contact John Smit on 69319727.

Further trips are in the pipeline for 2011 and will be advised as the time nears.

*A husband is someone who, after taking the trash out,
gives the impression that he just cleaned the whole house.*

Till next month,
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