



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

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NEWSLETTER for April, 2011

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 24th May, 2011.

NOTE Annual subscriptions of \$25 are now due.

In an envelope with your name on it please.



President Boyd opened the meeting by stating that it was his last meeting as President, and he thanked all the members for their friendship towards him over the past year.

He then welcomed the 62 members present, as well as the 15 visitors from other clubs who were in attendance for the changeover of our Management Committee.

There were 20 apologies tendered from those members unable to attend.

He then called for a minutes silence to respect the passing of Joan Breust, and Damien Piltz (Peter's grandson).

Murray Aitken gave the safety address, which was followed by Norma Gray reading the Probus Prayer.

Birthdays: We give our congratulations to the following members who will be celebrating their birthdays during the month of May, 5th John Walker, 9th Allan Davis, 15th Peter Killalea, 16th Gwen Earsman, 19th Harold Wilson, 21st Nick Van Styn.

Membership: Joy reported that the membership now stands at 118.

Our member Joan Riches has resigned due to her relocating to Alstonville. We wish Joan every happiness in her new location.

Joy requests that you please let her know if you have changed your address or phone number. If you fail to do so you will not receive your newsletter and be uncontactable if needed.

Welfare: Sadly, due to the passing of Joan Breust we have lost one of our club's foundation members. We pass our condolences to Wal, and his and Joan's families.

Rita Wilson advised that she had sent a condolence card to Wal Breust, and that she had received a thank you cards from Maureen Nugent and Peter Piltz in reply to cards she had sent due to the death of Maureen's sister and also To Peter's grandson.

Rita said that she had also received thank you cards from Jean Pottie and Elaine Baker.

Ivan Heinjus, who was at the meeting, thanked all the members for their thoughts, cards and phone calls during his recent illness.

Activities: Joan thanked Joy Beck for filling in for her during her absence while Boyd was in hospital.

She reported that there had been 25 members at the morning tea at Relish Restaurant on a cold morning, but that everyone had enjoyed all the scones.

The next lunch has been organized at the RSL Club Chinese Restaurant, for Wednesday, 11th May, 12pm as usual.

As Alcia Dowd is now our Activities Officer, if your name is not on her list and you wish to attend please let Alcia know by Monday, 9th for catering purposes.

The Annual Changeover Meeting

To begin the proceedings we were entertained by 28 members of the Wagga Rugby Men's Choir, who presented some enjoyable songs from their repertoire, in fine booming voices.



We then enjoyed an excellent afternoon tea provided by the ladies from the Yathella-Coursing Park CWA.



President Boyd opened the Changeover Meeting and called on Robyn Kirschner to come forward, and he presented her with the President's Sash and her President's Pin.

Robyn presented Boyd with his Past President's pin, and then introduced to the meeting her committee members for the coming year.

Combined Probus Club Trips

Mystery Night Away

Date: Monday, 11th July & Tuesday, 12th July 2011

Cost: \$280.00 per person twin share. Contact John Smit

Our Tours Officer on 69319727.

John has received 30 bookings so far for this trip and only needs 10 more, so if you would like to come along let John know

The Probus Friendship Day: is booked for the 16th August, from 11.00 am, at the Wagga Country Golf Club, with guest speaker, Terry O'Connell, 'the Cop from Wagga' who has been engaged, as well as other entertainment. The cost has been set at \$45 pp. and includes a two course meal, pre dinner nibbles and tea and coffee. Drinks will be available at your own expense.

Wednesday, the 20th of July: Shirley Clark has arranged a one-day trip to Henty, leaving Wagga at 9:00 and returning at 4:30, at a cost of \$35. This will be a good trip with a welcome by Henty Probus who will guide us to local areas of interest. Anyone interested can contact Shirley whose phone number is 6926 4344.

The Sunset Probus Club is organizing a trip to the Probus Rendezvous in October.

If you are interested in joining in, contact their Tours Officer on 69263022.

The afternoon tea roster for the next meeting is, John & Janice Vrolyks, John & Ruth Walker and Elva Westman.

If you are unable to assist please arrange for someone to fill your place.

Till next month,

Regards,

Keith.

*The hit and run victim was just getting to his feet when a policeman ran up to help.
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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 28th June, 2011.

President, Robyn Kirchner addressing her first meeting as our new President, welcomed the 73 members who were present, as well as our visitors, Shirley Kenny and Dianne Norton.

There were 19 apologies tendered from those members unable to attend.

She then called for a minutes silence to respect the passing of Margaret Nash and Lorraine Devine.

Due to Murray Aitken being unable to attend, Robyn took us through the fire drill.

The Probud Prayer was read by Janice Vrolyks.

Birthdays: The members who are celebrating their birthdays during June are, 2nd Vince King, 6th Roy Possee, 12th Joy Beck, 17th Rita Cameron, 20th Boyd Stone, 21st Marie Tulk, and 26th Joan Stone.

Have a happy day and keep warm this winter weather.

Membership: Joy reported that our membership now stands at 116.

Our membership is slowly declining and we have not had any new members inducted for a considerable time.

If you know of anyone that you think would be a good member, bring them along for a visit.

She also sends a reminder that if you have not paid your subscription of \$25, time is running short.

Welfare: Bernice reported that sadly we had lost Margaret Nash and Lorraine Devine in the last month.

Rita also reported that she had received a thank you card from Jean Pottie and had also sent condolence cards to Bill Nash and Lorraine Devine's daughter.

Activities: Alcía thanked Joan Stone for organizing last month's luncheon at the RSL Chinese restaurant for her and then advised that 30 of our members had enjoyed the lunch, and coffee in the lounge afterwards.

The next luncheon will be at the William Farrer Bistro, Edward Street, on **Tuesday**, 14th June, 12.00pm as usual, if you wish to go and your name is not on the list, please let Alcía know beforehand as soon as possible, to enable the booking to be finalized.

Guest Speaker: The guest speaker at the meeting was Peter Quamby, the Service Manager for the Edel Quin homeless men's refuge.

He explained that Edel Quin was located in Kincaid Street, in a heritage building, and was set up by the St Vincent DePaul Society to house up to 34 men with crisis accommodation.

It was set up in 1964 with the aim to house men with problems of alcoholism, mental illness and problem gambling, as well as other crises.

They provide courses to aid the men to resume a normal lifestyle.

The Guest Speaker at the next meeting will be Merrin Moran, who is a physiotherapist with Calvary Aged Care unit.



Notice of motion to be put to the June meeting

To consider and if thought fit approve the following

1. To formally adopt as its constitution, the PCSP Recommended Association Constitution, dated April 2011 and take appropriate action to meet statutory requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act.
2. To rescind current Club By-Laws and to formally adopt Standing Resolutions Nos. 1- 15.
(Copies are available from the Secretary).

Combined Probus Club Trips

John Smit reported that the trip to Lightning Ridge was a success with excellent accommodation, except for the first night.

Mystery Night Away



Date: Monday, 11th July & Tuesday, 12th July 2011, Cost: \$280.00 per person twin share.

Contact John Smit, Our Tours Officer on 69319727.

John has received 36 bookings so far for this trip, so if you would like to come along let John know as soon as possible. Deposits (\$50) are now due and the balance due by 16th June.

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The Afternoon Tea roster for the next meeting is, John & Pam Whiles, Harold Wilson and Fred And Pam Wood..

If you are unable to assist please arrange for someone to fill in.

Do you have an e-mail address? Would you like to receive your Newsletter by e-mail? If so, please let me know. KB.

"Take a pencil & paper". The teacher said. "And write an essay with the title 'if I were a millionaire'.

Everyone but Philip, who leaned back with arms folded, began to write furiously.

"What's the matter," the teacher asked. "Why don't you begin?"

"I'm waiting for my secretary." He replied.

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President Robyn, welcomed the 71 members who were present at the meeting, as well as Arthur and Rita Moore and Rose Murphy, who were our visitors for the day.
There were 28 apologies accepted from members who were unable to attend.

Murray Aitken went through his explanation of the fire safety and evacuation procedures.

The Probud Prayer was read by Alex Macdonald.

Birthdays: Members celebrating their birthdays during July are, 8th Keith Beirne, 9th Milton Loiterton, 11th Joyce Harrison, 12th Des Gaynor, 14th Dell Bungay & Annette Gaynor, 24th Fred Wood, 31st Elaine Baker & Jean Pottie.

Happy birthday to you all, July being a mid winter month, live it up, dance around, and keep warm and well.



Membership: Joy reported that our membership is now 112.

We have had resignations from Don and Nola Chapman and Bruce and Ailsa Bowman due to their health not being very good.

We wish them well for the future and hope that they have enjoyed their association with our club.



Joy also thanks all those who have renewed their membership on time.

Welfare: Bernice told us she had received Thank You cards for the club from Laurel Macdonald and Bill Nash and a phone call from Bill Prest. (Who were all at the meeting)

Martin Kendall has had a fall while he was at the Men's Shed. He is in hospital with a fractured cheekbone, wrist and several ribs. We all wish him well and a speedy recovery.

Activities: Alcia reported that there were 32 members at the last lunch at the William Farrer Bistro, where she had requested we be seated in the side room with the seating at round tables which she felt had made for an enjoyable meal and pleasant friendship.

The next lunch will be at the Golden Seasons Restaurant on Tuesday, 19th July, from 11.45am.

Alcia advised that she would be away and advised that Joy Beck, ph. (69264686) would be taking the bookings, and please let Joy know by Monday, 18th for catering arrangements.

Guest Speaker: The Guest Speaker at the meeting was Merrin Moran who is a physiotherapist with the Forrest Centre Aged Care Services.

She spoke on the aid given to hospital patients to enable them to return home with rehab and exercise services and checking people who have had falls and investigating the reasons and ways to prevent them.

She advised that as you get older, get active, then put the members present through several exercises, and we discovered who needed them.

Merrin conducts exercise classes at the Forrest Centre for those interested in maintaining mobility and improving their health.

If you are interested in taking part, contact The Forrest Centre Aged Care Services on ph. 02 69323015.



The Guests at the next meeting will be the St. Johns Hand Bell Ringers “The Dingalings”. Who will provide us with some excellent bell ringing music.



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The Afternoon Tea Roster: for the next meeting Murray & Beryl Aitken, Malcolm Alexander, Elaine Baker and Lorraine Barassi. If you are unable to assist please arrange for Someone to fill your place.

Till next month,
Regards, Keith.

A husband and wife were at a party chatting with some friends when the subject of marriage counselling came up. “Oh, we’ll never need that. My wife and I have a great relationship,” the husband explained. “She was a communications major in college and I majored in theatre arts.” He continued, “She communicates well and I act like I’m listening.”

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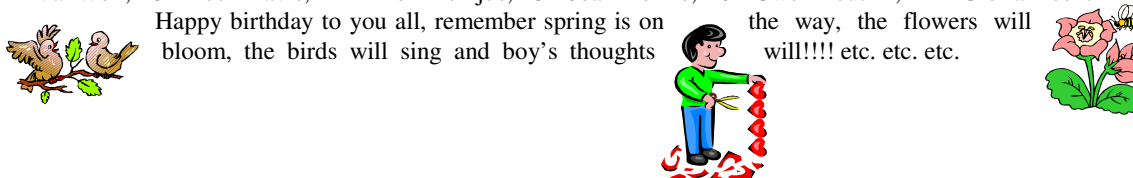
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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 23rd August, 2011.

President Robyn, opened the meeting by welcoming the 63 members who were present, along with Beverly Kearney, Judy Davis & Rose Murphy, who were visiting our club for the meeting. There were 21 apologies tendered from those who were unable to attend.

Murray Aitken went through the usual fire evacuation procedure which was followed by Alcia Dowd reading the Probud Prayer.

Birthdays: The birthday people for August are 10th Joan Corbett & Robyn Kirschner, 11th Peter Bungay, 12th Bill VanWell, 13th Ruth Davis, 14th Ellen Heinjus, 15th Joan Beirne, 16th Gwen Feutrill, 22nd Gloria Beck.



Membership: Joy reported that our membership has dropped to 105 due to the resignations of Geoff & Betty Baker, due to their health situation. We hope they keep safe and have enjoyed their presence in our club, as we have enjoyed theirs.

Several other memberships were terminated due to being unfinancial.

Joy also stated that there were several other people who had expressed interest in joining our club, we hope it eventuates.

Welfare: Bernice told us that she had sent get well cards to Martin Kendall and Joy Beck, due to their recent stays in hospital and had received thank you cards from them in return. They had both improved and were at the meeting.

Bernice said that she was glad that they were the only two on her list and that we must have been a healthy lot during the past month.

If you know of anyone who is not well, please let Bernice know to enable a phone call or send a card to them.

Activities: Alcia reported that 32 diners had attended and enjoyed their lunch last month at the Golden Season Restaurant.

The next lunch will be on Tuesday, 9th August, at the Thomas Blamey Tavern at Lake Alber, from 12.00pm. If you wish to attend and your name is not on the list please let Alcia know several days beforehand.

Alcia advised us that plans are in hand for this year's Christmas function and details will be announced when completed.

Guest Speaker: Instead of the usual guest speaker we were entertained by the St. Johns Hand Bell Ringer, who entertained us with some ringing good Christmas (in July) music, helped along with some humming and singing from the audience.

It was interesting to watch the ladies with a bell in each hand and two of them with two bells in each hand ringing the notes of the tunes.

The Guest Speaker at the next meeting will be Roz Baker, an author, a bush poet, independent publisher, toast master and survivor of brain surgery, who will speak on her experiences.

Combined Probus Club Trips

John has reported that 27 travelled on the recent two-day *Mystery Trip* that saw patrons taken to Sydney, with meal breaks at Campbelltown & Mittagong, and a coffee cruise on the harbour. Overnight was at the Novatel Resort at Rooty Hill. The tour also took in a drive along the beaches at Wollongong on the way home.

The one day trip to Henty was reported as very good.

September: Tumbarumba & Rosewood: Wollundry Ladies are investigating a one-day trip to the Pioneer Women's Hut at Tumbarumba, Glenroy Cottage Crafts & Gone Barney Nursery & Eucalyptus on Monday September 19th for \$35 per head which includes lunch & morning tea.
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Outback South Australia and Lake Eyre: Although this is not a Probus tour, Durhams Coaches of Temora have sent us a flyer regarding this six day tour, from 21st October, at a cost of \$1749 per person. If you are interested, contact John Smit who has all the details.

The committee has received information on Probus travel insurance which is available for any travel, not only Probus trips.

If you are interested contact our Secretary who has all the details.

An Information Day stall: Has been booked at the Wagga Marketplace, for 18th August, and is to be manned by representatives of all Wagga Probus Clubs, with the aim of telling people about the activities of Probus and hopefully gaining some new members to lift the declining membership of our clubs. Some volunteers will be needed on the day, so if you are able to help for short periods, please let John Smit, who is compiling a roster know.

The Afternoon Tea Roster: for the next meeting.
Jennifer Batten, Gloria Beck, Joan & Keith Beirne & Dell Bungay.
If you are unable to assist please arrange for someone to fill your place.

*A young woman was taking an afternoon nap. After she woke up, she told her husband. "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentines Day. What do you think it means?"
"You'll know tonight." he said.*

*That evening, the man came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted she opened it only to find a book entitled.
"The meaning of dreams."*

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 27th September, 2011.

President, Robyn opened the meeting by welcoming the 59 members who were present. There were 23 apologies tendered by those members who were unable to attend.

Due to the absence of Murray Aitken, who is enjoying the warmer climate of Townsville, Robyn reminded us of the fire evacuation procedures, which was followed by Fay Grant who read the Probud Prayer



Robyn then extended a welcome to Rose Murphy and Ray King, who have become new members of our club.

Rose and Ray will be inducted to the club and presented with their club badges at the next meeting.

Membership: Joy reported that our membership now stands at 107 with the addition of our two new members, Rose Murphy and Ray King.

Our membership numbers have been declining lately due to members not being able to attend meetings and also moving away from Wagga.

If you know of anyone who you think would like to join us invite them along.

Don't forget to let the Membership Officer know if you change your address or phone no. so that the list can be kept up to date.

Birthdays: September is a busy month for birthday celebrations with the following, 1st Norma Judd, 4th Bernice Munrow, 6th Ronda Lampe, 8th Laurel Macdonald, 9th Gay Lucas, 10th Warren Tulk, 12th Lynette Stackenburg, 15th Ivan Heinjus, 18th Barbara Fielder & Ruth Walker, 27th Malcolm Alexander, Alcia Dowd & Noreen Langtry, 30th Robyn King, Bruce McAlister & Bill Prest all adding a year to their tally.

We hope you all enjoy your special day and celebrate in a great way.

Welfare: Bernice reported that John Vrolyks had spent several days in hospital but was up and about again, and that she had received a thank you card from Norma Judd.

Please let Bernice know if you or someone you know is not well as a call or a card can be very welcome at such a time.

Activities: The last lunch at the Thomas Blamey Tavern was enjoyed by the 30 people who attended.

The next lunch date is on 13th September at 12.00pm at the Jasmin Village Chinese Restaurant in Kincaid Street.

As Alcia is away this month, if your name is not on the list and you wish to attend please let Joan Stone know on ph. 69331604 by the previous day for catering arrangements.
Alcia has made tentative arrangements to hold the Christmas party at the Murrumbidgee Turf Club on 6th December.
A firm date and further information will be made available in a later newsletter.

Guest Speaker: The Guest Speaker at the meeting was Roz Baker a Bush Poet, Author, independent publisher, Toast Master, and survivor of brain surgery.

Roz entertained us with some bush poetry and the story of her battle to have her writings published, with the publishing houses rejecting her writings because although they were excellent they didn't contain enough sex violence and crude language to give them a wow factor.

Roz refused to accept this and decided to become a self publisher with the result being a huge success.

Roz had a selection of her books on sale and by the number of sales on the day made it very successful.

The Guest Speaker at the next meeting will be John Rumens a member of the Tidy Towns Committee.



The Friendship & Probus Information Days

The Probus Friendship Day was quite successful with 100 + in attendance who enjoyed the lunch and the social meeting of members from other Wagga clubs.

The Probus information day at the Wagga Marketplace was very disappointing with not a lot of interest shown. Therefore the day at the Sturt Mall is in doubt.

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Further details are available from John.

October 20/21: Koorringal Mens Probus are organizing a trip to Canberra, visiting the Botanical Gardens, National Gallery, Archives & Museum and Questacon.
The cost is \$215 per person. For further information contact Reg Potter on ph. 69713232.

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&, Jeanette Carroll.

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"The car hit you from behind," the officer said.
"How could you tell it was your mother-in-law?"
"I recognized the laugh!" he replied.

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 25th October, 2011.

Due to President Robyn and Vice President Michael being away on holidays, Past President Boyd Stone opened this month's meeting.

He welcomed the 65 members who were present along with our visitor Shirley Kenny.

There were apologies accepted from the 23 members who were unable to attend.

Jim Poile read the Probud Prayer and then Murray Aitken gave the fire drill evacuation procedures.

Boyd then welcomed our new member, Ray King to the club and presented him with his club badge.

Birthdays: The birthdays being celebrated in October include, 2nd Murray Aitken, 5th Jim Poile, 8th Bernie Langtry, 11th Robert Stakenburg, 12th Margaret Johnston, 20th Ray Fielder, 21st Neil Harris, 23rd Betty Loiterton, 31st Col Dunn.

We hope you all have a lovely spring day for your celebrations.



Welfare: Bernice reported that she had sent sympathy cards to Lynette and Robert Stakenburg due to the death of Rob's mother and to Joy and Keith Beck due to the death of Joy's Stepmother. Bernice has received thank you cards in return.



Jim McLarty had spent 3 days in a Sydney hospital and is to return to see a specialist; Bernice had sent Jim a get well card and had received a thank you card in return.

Murray Aitken, who has been unwell lately with a mystery illness, has had lots of tests and still has to have some more.

Activities: Joan Stone, who is filling in for Alcia while she is away, reported that the last lunch at the Jasmin Village Chinese restaurant was well supported by 33 members.

Joan stated that all went well as the restaurant had the booking mixed up and wasn't expecting us till the following week but managed to feed the group successfully.

The October lunch is on Tuesday, 11th October, at the Sportsman's Club hotel in Beckwith Street. Please let Joan know the numbers going, several days ahead by phoning 69331604.

Alcia has made tentative arrangements to hold the Christmas party at the Murrumbidgee Turf Club, on 6th December.

Further arrangements will be advised on Alcia's return.

Guest Speaker: The Guest Speaker at the meeting was Sally Nolan, who is the Wagga Tourist Information Centre Manager.



Sally spoke on the ways the information centre is promoting Wagga with billboards on all the highways into the city, printing brochures and running TV and radio publicity.

She said that Wagga is receiving good responses to the EvoCities program which has drawn people and businesses to the area and is also pushing the slogan "100 little things to do in Wagga."

Further information can be found on the tourist website at www.visitwagga.com or e-mail at visitors@wagga.nsw.gov.au . Or phone. 1300100122

The Guest Speaker at the next meeting will be Allan Hull, who is well known as a singer in the Rugby Choir, and a race caller at the Murrumbidgee Turf Club.

News from the Committee

Probus Centre South Pacific is compiling a data base of all Probus members in Australia to enable them to collate information on Probus members, which is valuable when approaching government departments concerning health, insurance and the wellbeing of older residents.

Secretary Peter, has made cards to be filled in by members to assist in collecting the relevant details. If you have not filled in a card please contact Peter who will provide one.

PCSP is also providing information cards for members to list their details such as next of kin, medications and health problems, etc, which are a credit card size and will be easy to carry in a wallet.

The Walking Group: The club walking group will be going to the Coolamon-Ganmain area for their fortnightly stroll on Wednesday, 12th October, and possibly sampling Ganmain Pies before it is too late, as the bakery is on the market.

If you would like to take part please let Martin Kendall know on phone. 69313089.



Combined Probus Club Trips

The Anglican Parish of Wagga: Is holding a Festival of Flowers, Craft & Music on Saturday 15th October at St John's Anglican Church, Church Street Wagga..

October 20/21: Koorinal Mens Probus are organizing a trip to Canberra, visiting the Botanical Gardens, National Gallery, Archives & Museum and Questacon.

The cost is \$215 per person. For further information contact Reg Potter on ph. 69713232.

The Crisp Gallery: A one day trip to the Crisp Gallery and the Yass Valley Woolen Mill, on Monday, 21st November. Cost will be \$50-\$55 (depending on numbers) and will cover morning tea, lunch and entry fees. For further information, contact our tours officer.

March 21st 2012: A 6 day, 5 night trip is being considered to the Bright area, staying at the Ovens Valley Motor Inn. Cost will be \$665 pp. Further information will be advised as it comes to hand.

The Afternoon Tea Roster:

For the next meeting is. Bill & Joan Corbett,
Allan & Ruth Davis and Gwen Feutrill.
If you are unable to assist please arrange for someone to take your place.

An Italian grandmother is giving directions to her grown grandson who is coming with his wife for a visit.
"You comma to de front of the apartments. I am inna apartmenta 301. There is a bigga panel at the front door. With your elbow , pusha button 301. I will buzza you in.
Come inside, the elevator is on the right. Get in, and With your elbow, pusha 3. When you get out, I'm ma on the left, With your elbow, hit my doorbell".
"Grandma, that sounds easy, but, why am I hitting all those buttons with my elbow???"

"What.....You coming empty handed? "

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 22nd November, 2011.

President Robyn (back from her trip to Israel) opened the meeting by welcoming the 69 members in attendance.

There were no visitors on the day and 28 apologies were tendered by those members unable to attend.

Murray Aitken then gave the usual fire evacuation procedures, which was followed by Betty Loiterton reading the Probus Prayer.

Birthdays: The birthday people for November are, 6th Janice Vrolyks, 11th Michael Dowd, 22nd John Vrolyks & Elva Westman, 24th Keith Beck, 26th John Beck, 27th Jim Poile, 29th Beryl Aitken. Happy birthday to you all and we hope you thoroughly enjoy the day.

Membership: Joy reported that Arthur and Rita Moore had been accepted by the Committee as new members to the club, and this brings our membership to 109.

We welcome Rita and Arthur to our club and hope they have many enjoyable times with us.

Rita and Arthur will be inducted with their badges at the next meeting.

Welfare: Bernice reported that Jim McLarty was home but still not very well, and that Bill Corbett was in hospital and extremely unwell.

Bernice said that these were the only two that she knew of who were on the sick list, and asked to be advised of anyone that was not well, so that they could be contacted.

Activities: Alcía reported that there had been 26 present at the October lunch at the Sportsman's Club Bistro.

The November lunch will be at the William Farrer Bistro, Edward Street on Tuesday, 8th November 12.00 as usual. If your name is not on Alcía's list please let her know by Monday 7th at the latest.



The Christmas Party



This year's Christmas party will be at the Murrumbidgee Turf Club dining room on Tuesday, 6th December for 12.00 to 12.30 start. It will be the Deluxe Christmas Carvery and will include Starters, Carvery Buffet, Cold Selections, Dessert Buffet and tea and coffee. We will be seated at tables of ten, and Alcía has suggested that you bring some Christmas decorations for the table centres.

The cost will be \$35 per person and the money must be in to Alcía or the Treasurer, in an envelope with your name/s on the front by the November meeting at the **latest**.

Entry to the venue and parking is by Travers Street, and a lift is available to the dining room for those that need it.

Guest Speaker: The Guest Speaker at the meeting was Allan Hull who most people know as the Race Caller at the local race meetings.

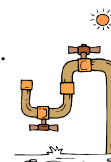
Allan told us of his early years living on a farm at Gregadoo and attending Wagga High School, and then completing his fitting & turning apprenticeship at Rorrison's Engineering.

He built himself a crystal radio set, and was a keen listener to the races, and began his race calling career at trotting trials.

He was a broadcaster for the Wagga Show, and now calls for various other sports.

He is a member of the Wagga City Rugby Choir and has travelled with the choir to Nordlingen in Germany, and to England, Scotland & Wales, and will be going to Canada in 2014.

He finished his talk with a poem that he had written for the Turf Club 100 Club Night.



The Guest Speaker at the next meeting will be Greg Finlayson from Riverina Water.

The Walking Group: The Walking Group had an enjoyable outing on 12th October with a stroll along the main street of Coolamon, visiting the Up-to-Date Store, and morning tea at the railway station, and then proceeded to Ganmain with a visit to the pie shop for lunch.

The next fortnightly walk was at Lake Albert on 25th October, finishing with morning tea at the Wagga Boat Club Bistro.

The next walk will be from Collins Park on 8.30am Wednesday 9th November, so if you would like some exercise and good friendship join them.

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June 2012: Makehams have a 12 day tour to the Port Macquarie area returning by Tamworth & Dubbo. Cost is \$1975. This is not a Probus tour so bookings will need to be made with Makehams.

September 2012: The Probus Rendezvous will be held from 16th-21st September in Palmerston North New Zealand.

As our Annual General Meeting is coming up in March 2012 we will need to think about nominations for the Committee. Please give thought to who you would like on the committee or even volunteer yourself.

The Afternoon Tea Roster:

For the next meeting is, Fay Grant, Norma Gray,
Neil Harris & Ivan & Ellen Heinjus.

If you are unable to assist please arrange for
Someone to fill your place.

While making rounds, a doctor points out an x-ray to a group of medical students.

"As you can see," She says, "The patient limps because his left fibula and tibia are radically arched. Michael, what would you do in a case like this?"

"Well," ponders the student, "I suppose I'd limp too."

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 24th January, 2012.

President Robyn opened the meeting by welcoming the 66 members present, and then commenting that it was the last meeting for 2011, and hoped that everyone had enjoyed Probus activities during the year. There were no visitors on the day, and 32 apologies were accepted from those members unable to attend.

After the usual safety procedures were delivered, Bill VanWell read the Probus Prayer.

Birthdays: Those celebrating birthdays during December are, 1st John Whiles, 6th Jan Jones, 12th Alex Macdonald, 17th Ray King, 18th Norma Gray & Kay Smith, 21st Fay Grant, 23rd Nola Carmichael, 30th Shelly Rogers. The Birthday celebrants for January are, 3rd Jeanette Carroll & Ray Grant, 12th Jean Jenkins, 15th Jim McLarty & Dorothy Prest, 18th John Smit, 24th Leonie & Martin Kendall & Jock Meiklejohn, 25th Joan Taylor.

Happy Birthday to you all, enjoy it and keep well in 2012.



Membership: Rose Murphy & Rita & Arthur Moore were presented with their club name badges and welcomed to the club by President Robyn, accompanied by a round of greeting applause from those present.

Welfare: Bernice reported that she had sent a card to Bill Corbett, who is still very unwell. Annette Gaynor has had a knee replacement and was slowly progressing and was at the meeting.

Alcia Dowd, Murray Aitken, Jenny Batten & Nancy Dunn were others on the sick list, that Bernice was aware of.

Activities: Alcía reported that there had been 27 people at the October lunch at the William Farrer Bistro. The next lunch will be at the Golden Seasons Restaurant, on Tuesday, 10th January, 2012.

Numbers please, if you are not already on Alcía's list, by no later than Monday 9th.

Alcia has asked if members could suggest other venues for our monthly lunches as she would like to try different locations.

The Guest Speaker: At the meeting was Greg Finlayson from Riverina Water, who spoke on the distribution of the water supply to Wagga and surrounding areas.

He advised that Riverina Water has 24,000 customers and obtains the water from the river, and underground bores, and is striving to limit the use of water by giving subsidies for people to reduce nature strip lawns and limit garden watering to the hours between 5pm and 10am.

He also stated that evaporative coolers used too much water, and people should use refrigerated air conditioners instead. This was contested by a lot of the members.

The Guest Speaker at the next meeting will be Cathy Harvey, a Missionary who conducts an Orphan School in Uganda.

The Walking Group: Held their last walk for the year from Collins Park on 7th December, the first walking morning of 2012 will be again from Collins Park on Wednesday, 18th January.

Combined Probus Club Tours

June 2012: Makehams have a 12 day tour to the Port Macquarie area, returning by Tamworth & Dubbo. Cost is \$1975. This is not a Probus tour so bookings will need to be made with Makehams.

March 21st 2012: A 6 day, 5 night trip is being considered to the Bright area, staying at the Ovens Valley Motor Inn. Cost will be \$665 pp. Further information from Shirley Clark, on ph 69264344.

The 2011 Probus Club Christmas Party



On Tuesday, 6th December, 80 of our members gathered at the Wagga Racecourse for our Christmas party.

A menu of Nibbles, 2 course buffet and sweets, plus tea or coffee, and was enjoyed by all in the very pleasant location in the Members Lounge of the grandstand, overlooking the lawns of the course, with music provided by Joyce Allen and Robyn Morrow with help from Bill Lampe on saxophone and several songs by Alex Macdonald with his big voice.

As our Annual General Meeting is coming up in March 2012 and we need to think about nominations for the Committee. Please give thought as to who you would like on the committee or even volunteer yourself.

The afternoon tea roster for the January meeting

Jean Jenkins, Margaret Johnston, Jan Jones, Norma Judd & Leonie Kendall.

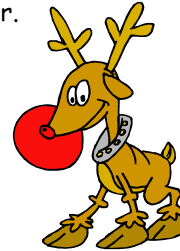
If you are unable to assist please arrange for someone to fill your place.

A reindeer walked into a pub, strolled up to the bar and ordered a pint of lager.

Completely unphased, the barman poured out the lager and passed it to the reindeer, who handed over a ten dollar note.

As he handed over the change of a few coins, the barman said "I have to say, you're the first reindeer I've seen in here."

The reindeer studied the change very carefully and said. "Tell you what sunshine, at these prices I'm also the last reindeer you're going to see in here."



As 2011 comes to a close I would like to wish you all a happy Christmas and a great Probus New Year. Remember drive safely, stay well and enjoy the journey.

Regards,
Keith.



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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 28th February, 2012.

President Robyn opened the first meeting for 2012 by welcoming the 72 members present and hoping that everyone had a pleasant holiday break.

There were 17 apologies tendered from those members who were unable to attend. There were no visitors at the meeting.

Rita Cameron read the Probud Prayer, and then Fire Safety Officer Murray explained the evacuation procedures and told an amusing story of an Australia Day barbecue.



Birthdays: Members who will be celebrating their birthdays in February are 2nd Peter Piltz, 7th Audrey Killalea, & Rita Smit, 8th Bill Lampe, 9th Judy McLarty, 11th Bill VanWell, 13th Nancy Dunn, 16th Peter Meiklejohn, 20th Rose Murphy, 28th Ann Peacock.
Happy birthday to you all, and may there be many more of them.



As well as birthdays Frank & Lorraine Downey were celebrating their 52nd wedding anniversary on the meeting day, congratulations to you both.

Membership: Joy reported that sadly Lorraine Barassi has had to resign from the club due to ill health, and will be missed by us all.

This brings our membership to 108.

Welfare: Bernice reported that Bill Corbett is still extremely unwell and Lorraine Barassi is very sick and has resigned, as reported above.

If anyone else is not feeling 100% we hope you are improving and feeling better.

If you know of any members who are on the sick list and would like to receive a call or card to cheer them up, please let Bernice know.

Activities: Alcia reported that the Christmas Party had been an excellent event and seemed to have been enjoyed by all 80 who attended.

The first monthly luncheon for the year was held at the Golden Seasons restaurant and was attended by 40 members, which was a good roll up for January

The next activity won't be a lunch, but will be a breakfast at the Country Comfort Motel dining room cnr. Morgan & Tarcutta Sts. Starting at 8.00am (**not before**) on Tuesday 14th February. The cost will be \$15.50 per head. Please let Alcia know if you wish to attend, by Monday 13th.

Please check Alcia's phone no. at the heading of this newsletter as it has been changed.

The Guest Speaker: At the meeting was Cathy Harvey who is a pediatric nurse and has been working as a missionary with the Irene Gleeson Foundation for underprivileged people in Uganda.

Irene Gleeson started the foundation with 50 children under a mango tree in Uganda and now ministers aid to 10,000.

Cathy spent 3 months in Uganda in 2008 and another 3 months in 2010, and has since collected and sent a shipping container of school and other supplies to Uganda, and is now organizing another container to be sent on 26th April.

The Guest Speaker at next month's meeting will be Rick Priest who will give a presentation on the Wagga Men's Shed.

Combined Probus Club Tours

March: The trip to Bright, which appeared doomed due to a shortage of numbers, has been rescued. Shirley Clark has arranged to join a bus coming from Canberra to do the same trip. The date is now from 16th – 21st March, leaving Cross Street at 3.00pm. If you wish to go please notify Shirley on ph.69264344.

April: A possible trip to Mayfield Garden which is near Oberon is being investigated.

An autumn visit to Kismet has been arranged towards the end of April, to Adrian Podmore's property to see his display of salvias and other plants and ask questions about gardening. The idea is to car pool, taking a fold up chair & a picnic lunch.

Arrangements will be made for morning tea to be supplied at a very small cost.

May: A possible day trip to Iandra Castle, at Greenthorpe, visiting Young, including Poppas Fudge Factory.

June: A number of Probians have already paid their deposit for the 12 day tour being run by Makehams to Port Macquarie from 18th – 28th of June. Booking must be made direct through Makehams.

A reminder

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The afternoon tea roster for the February meeting

Ray King, Ronda & Bill Lampe, Noreen Langtry, Milton & Betty Loiterton.

If you are unable to assist please arrange someone to take your place.

A young missionary on his first trip to Africa is away from camp having devotions in a quiet clearing, as was his custom. This one particular day, while reading his bible, a lion comes and lays down right beside him, so close that the hot warm smell of his breath is wafting over him.



He is as you would suppose, exceedingly uneasy, He closes his eyes praying... but when he opens them he sees another lion approach from the bush, which proceeds to lie down on the other side of him.

Convinced as he is that this is a test of his faith, he determines to return to his Bible reading. As soon as he does so, the two lions pounce upon and devour him.

The moral of the story: Don't read between the "lions".

Till next month,
regards,
Keith.

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 27th March, 2012.

President Robyn opened the meeting by welcoming the 62 members who were present. There were 24 apologies tendered from those who were unable to attend. Robyn also welcomed Judy and Bernard Dempsey, who were our visitors for the meeting.

As Murray Aitken had a doctor's appointment and was unable to give the fire evacuation drill, Robyn advised us how to evacuate the premises.

The Probus Prayer was read by Barbara Fielder.

Birthdays: The March birthday celebrants are, 8th Karen Pettit, 11th Heather McAlister, 18th Bernice Piltz, 21st Maureen Nugent, 24th Helen Veliscek & Arthur Moore, 28th Bill Nash. Happy birthday to you all, have a great day and appreciate it to the utmost.

Membership: The committee has set the membership fees for the coming year at \$25.00, which is the same as last year. Fees will be due at the 1st April. Payment can be made at the March meeting.



Please put your money in an envelope with your name and the amount on the front to assist the Treasurer with his records.

Welfare: Bernice reported that she had sent a sympathy card to Bill Prest due to the death of his brother, and had also contacted Elaine Baker, and Dorothy Prest who were also on the not too well list, and had also contacted Joan Corbett in regard to Bill's health. If you know of anyone who is unwell or lost a love one and you think that they would like a card, visit or phone call please let Bernice know as that's what we are all about, a friendship club.

Activities: Alcia told us that she had only 17 at the breakfast at the Country Comfort Motel, and that we must all be late risers.

The next lunch will be at the RSL Club Chinese Restaurant on Tuesday, 13th March at 12.00pm. As Alcia will be away please let Joan Stone know if you would like to attend, before Monday 12th on phone no. 69331604.

The April lunch will be at the Thomas Blamey Hotel on 10th April, details will be advised at the March meeting.

The changeover meeting in April will again be catered for by the Yathella - Coursing Park CWA Ladies. Cost will be \$5.00 per head payable at the door.



The Guest Speaker: At the meeting was Rick Priest from the Wagga Men's Shed, who gave a brief talk on some of the Shed's activities, and then went on to tell of the water supply from the Murrumbidgee river and underground aquifers, as well as the infrastructure needed to deliver water to the area.

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October: A 3 day- 2 night trip to the Goulburn area is being organized. Details at a later date.

November: A possible day trip to Iandra Castle, at Greenthorpe, visiting Young, including Poppas Fudge Factory.

This trip was originally set for May but it was felt that November would be a better time.

Murray Expedition tours are offering to pick up in Wagga, travel to Sydney and fly to Adelaide and return, for a 5 or 7 night cruise if a least 10 people book. Tours operate all year round. If you are interested contact a tours committee member for further details.

The afternoon tea roster for the March meeting

Gay Lucas, Laurel & Alex Macdonald, Heather & Bruce McAlister.
If you are unable to assist please arrange for someone to take your place.

Till next month,
Regards,
Keith.

Because I had forgotten the dates for my friends' and relatives' birthdays and anniversaries, I decided to compile a list on the computer and have the dates highlighted on screen when the machine was turned on. I went to a number of computer stores to find a software program to do the job but had no luck at the first few. I finally found one where the clerk seemed experienced.

"Can you recommend something that will remind me of birthdays and anniversaries?" I asked.

"Have you tried a wife?" he replied

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 24th April, 2012.

President Robyn opened the meeting by welcoming the 70 members who were present. There were no visitors at the meeting.

There were 24 apologies tendered from those who were unable to attend.

Murray Aitken took us through the evacuation procedures, and then had us move the chairs into groups of four with an aisle in between.

He advised that this is a safety measure, as more than four chairs in a row can become a hazard in a rushed evacuation.

(As daylight saving has now ended have you checked your smoke alarms?)



The Probud Prayer was read by Bruce McAlister.

Birthdays: Those having birthdays during April are, 2nd Rita Wilson, 8th George Cameron, 10th Jennifer Batten, 15th Pam Whiles, 19th Norma Steward, 22nd Bill Corbett & John Pottie.

May you all have a pleasant day and be pampered by all around you.

Membership: Membership fees for 2012/13 have now become due. If you have not already paid yours please put the money in an envelope, with your name/s and the amount on the front, and hand it to the Treasurer.

Welfare: Bernice reported that she had no one on the sick list, although she had given a call to Bernie Langtry who had been in hospital.

Activities: Joan Stone, who has been filling in for Alcia Dowd while Alcia is away, reported that there had been 23 diners at the last lunch at the RSL Chinese restaurant.

The lunch venue for April is the Thomas Blamey Bistro, in Lake Albert, on Tuesday 10th at 12.00pm. If your name is not already on the list, and if you wish to attend, please let Joan know, on ph. 69331604 by Monday 9th April.

The next meeting will be our changeover meeting, which will be catered by the Yathella-Coursing Park CWA Ladies.

The cost for this occasion will be \$5.00 per head, payable at the door.



There will be no Guest Speaker at the meeting as we will be entertained by musicians, Alan Cotterill and John Evans.

The Guest Speaker: At the meeting was Cathy Smith, who is the Development Services Manager with Kurrajong Waratah. Cathy was introduced by our member Alan Davis, who is a Patron of Kurrajong Waratah.

Cathy explained that Kurrajong was started by Bill & Annie Hurd in 1957, with the aim of assisting people with disabilities, and grew from assisting 79 in 1982 to 1153 in 2012 and covers an area which is 19% of the state.

Funding is by 47% from Government and 53% is self raised from donations and fund raising activities. They provide employment for 153 disabled persons, and have a staff of 180 full time, with 89 casuals. They operate a recycling business which handles 680 semi trailer loads of compacted recyclables per year.

Kurrajong also operates a linen & laundry service in Narrandera, a coffee shop in West Wyalong, and as well operates a timber processing industry employing 24 disabled persons.

Kurrajong Waratah Early Intervention Centre assists 300 children.

Kurrajong e-waste recycling centre is operating in Chaston St. Wagga and recycles TV's for a nominal cost of \$8.00. If you have any unwanted TV's give them a call or drop them in.

At the completion of the General meeting President Robyn declared the Annual General Meeting open and then gave her comprehensive annual report on the happenings of the club over the past year.

Robyn then called on Murray Aitken to conduct the election of Committee Members for the ensuing year.

The result of the election, Vice President, Joan Stone: Secretary, Barbara Fielder: Treasurer, Peter Piltz: Membership, Joy Beck: Welfare, Bernice Piltz: Newsletter, Keith Beck: Activities, Alcia Dowd: Programs, Boyd Stone. Michael Dowd who was our Vice President automatically becomes our new President.

Combined Probus Club Tours

May: A one day coach trip to Tumbarumba, Tumut, Brungle and Gundagai is being investigated . Details will be available at the next meeting.

June: A number of Probians have already paid their deposit for the 12 day tour being run by Makehams to Port Macquarie from 18th – 28th of June. Booking must be made direct through Makehams.

October 15th to 17th: A 3 day- 2 night trip to the Goulburn area has been organized at a cost of \$395.00 per person. Contact our tours officer for further details.

November: A possible day trip to Iandra Castle, at Greenthorpe, visiting Young, including Poppas Fudge Factory. This trip was originally set for May but it was felt that November would be a better time.

Murray Expedition Tours: Are offering to pick up in Wagga, travel to Sydney and fly to Adelaide and return, for a 5 night cruise if a least 10 people book. Tours operate all year round. If you are interested contact a tours committee member for further details. John Smit has a loan DVD of the trip available for anyone interested.

As next month's afternoon tea is fully catered.

There is no need for a roster



Young Rachel asked her mother for a dollar to give to a little old lady in the park.

Kathy, impressed by her daughter's kindness, gave her a dollar.

"There you are Rachel," said Kathy, "But, tell me, isn't the little old lady able to work any more?"

"Oh she works!" was Rachel's reply, "She sells candy!"

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 22nd May, 2012.

President, Robyn opened the meeting by stating that this was her last meeting as President, and thanked all the members for their support during the last year.

Robyn then welcomed the 68 members present, and accepted the apologies of 19 members who were unable to attend.

As this was our Change Over Meeting, a warm welcome was given to the 14 visitors representing other Probus Clubs.



Murray Aitken in his capacity as Safety Office asked everyone to take note of the person sitting next to them in case of the need for evacuation, and then went through the fire drill.

The Probus Prayer was read by Joan Taylor.

Birthdays: The members who will be celebrating their birthday during May are, 5th John Walker, 9th Allan Davis, 15th Peter Killalea, 16th Gwen Earsman, 19th Harold Wilson, 21st Nick VanStyn. Happy birthday to you all and have a great day.

Membership: Sadly we lost our member, Frank Downey this month and send our deepest sympathy to Lorraine and her family.

This brings our current membership to 107. Remember membership fees are now due and if you haven't paid yours, put the money in an envelope with you name and amount on the front, and give it to the Treasurer.

Welfare: Bernice reported that she had received a Thank You card from Noreen & Bernie Langtry, and advised that Bernie was in the Forest Centre and would like some visitors.

Bernice had also sent a card to Robyn King who had been unwell.

Lorraine Downey had also sent a card thanking the Probus members for attending Frank's funeral, which she greatly appreciated.

Activities: Alcia reported that there had been 20 people at the lunch last month at the Thomas Blamey Bistro and that the meal was enjoyed by all and a return visit was a possibility.

The next luncheon will be at The Wagga Boat Club on Wednesday, 9th May 12.00pm, a \$10 lunch is offered or you can order from the menu, names on the list as usual.

Guest Speaker: At time of writing Rita was still trying to pin down the Guest Speaker for the next meeting, so come along and be surprised.



The Changeover Meeting

President Robyn, opened the meeting by welcoming the guests from other clubs and thanking all the members and the Committee for their support during the past year before handing the chain of office to incoming President, Michael Dowd.

Michael then presented Robyn with the Past President's Pin and went on to introduce the incoming Committee members to those present. (*Committee members and contact numbers on the newsletter heading*).



An excellent afternoon tea was then provided by the ladies of the Yathella Coursing Park CWA.

After thanking the CWA ladies, Michael called on Rita Wilson to introduce Alan Cotterill and John Evans, who provide a number of musical pieces to round off the meeting.

Combined Probus Club Tours

May: Friday 18th a one day trip to Tumbarumba, Rosewood and Gundagai, visiting Gone Barney Nursery at Rosewood, a town tour of Tumut with lunch at the Bowling Club and travel home along the Tumut River via Brungle & Gundagai.

Cost is \$62 per head and includes morning tea and lunch. Contact Jean Spurge on 69265701 by end of April or as soon as possible after that.

October Saturday 13th: Spirit of the Land at Lockhart. The coach will leave Cross St. car park at 9.00am and return from Lockhart by 3.00pm. Coach cost \$25 and entry to the function is \$5.

Contact Shirley Clark 69264344.

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The afternoon tea roster, for the May meeting.

Jim & Judy McLarty,
Rita & Arthur Moore,
Peter Meiklejohn.
If you are unable to assist
Please arrange for someone else.

Till next month,
Regards,
Keith.

This guy was watching TV as his wife was outside cutting the grass during the hot summer. He finally worked up the energy to go out and ask his wife what was for supper.

Well, his wife was quite irritated about him sitting in the air-conditioned house all day while she did all the work, so she scolded him.

"I can't believe you're asking me about supper right now! Imagine I'm out of town go inside and figure dinner out for yourself."

So he went back in the house and fixed himself a big steak, with potatoes, garlic bread and a tall glass of iced tea.

The wife finally walked in about the time he was finishing up and asked him.

"You fixed something to eat? So where is mine?"

"Huh? I thought you were out of town."

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