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### OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, 5<sup>th</sup> John Walker, 9<sup>th</sup> Allan Davis, 15<sup>th</sup> Peter Killalea, 16<sup>th</sup> Gwen Earsman, 19<sup>th</sup> Harold Wilson, 21<sup>st</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>:** 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.

**October 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>:** 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.

### 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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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2012.

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President, Michael Dowd opened his first meeting as President by welcoming the 63 members who were present, and accepted the apologies of the 19 members who were unable to attend; there were no visitors at the meeting.

The Probus Prayer was read by Robyn Kirchner, we then observed a minutes silence in remembrance of Ray Fielder.



The members celebrating their birthdays during June Are, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vince King, 6<sup>th</sup> Roy Possee, 12<sup>th</sup> Joy Beck, 17<sup>th</sup> Rita Cameron, 20<sup>th</sup> Boyd Stone, 21<sup>st</sup> Marie Tulk, 26<sup>th</sup> Joan Stone. Find somewhere warm and really enjoy your day.

**Membership:** Sadly we lost another of our members during May with the passing of Ray Fielder.

Ray was a foundation member of our club, and had filled many positions on the club committee.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Barb and their families.

The membership fees are now due, and must be paid by the end of June, or you will become unfinancial and unable to participate in club activities.

**Welfare:** Bernice reported that she had sent a sympathy card to Barb Fielder, and had received a thank you card in return; she had also sent a get well card to John Walker, who had recently been unwell. John was at the meeting and feeling better.

Bernice advised that Bernie Langtry was in the Forrest Centre and would like some visitors.

**Activities:** Alcia advised us that she had had around 20 on her list for last month's lunch at the Wagga Boat Club, but only 13 turned up. If you are unable to attend please let Alcia know beforehand as it is unfair to the caterers at the venues.

It was an excellent lunch and everyone ordered from the \$10 special lunch menu.

The lunch venue for June will be at the Country Bakehouse in Coolamon on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup>, at 12.00pm. At a cost of \$20.00, for soup, sandwiches and slices.

If you wish to go let Alcia know in advance, to enable numbers to be advised to the caterers.

**Guest Speaker:** The Guest Speaker at the meeting was Chris Nash, from Nash Brothers Constructions.

Chris told us of his beginning as an apprentice with Siebels Brothers, and continuing on to join with his brother Scott to form Nash Brothers Constructions.

They have worked on the construction of many major projects in the city and are currently constructing

The Grange Lifestyle Village adjacent to Lake Albert.  
He gave an interesting talk on the problems of getting approval to begin construction, and then went through the construction details of building the units, and the facilities that were proposed for the village.

**Next month's Guest Speakers;** Will be Linda Roesler and Chris Hillis from NRMA safer driving school.



On Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, the Probus walking group held their fortnightly walk in the Chaston St. area and then visited the Kurrajong Waratah recycling centre, where they experienced a very interesting talk and tour of the facility, followed by morning tea.  
The next walk will be from the Wagga Beach on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> June, at 8.30am, so come along and get some exercise and then enjoy morning tea and a chat.

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**The afternoon tea roster:** For the June meeting includes, Bernice Munro, Rose Murphy, Anne Peacock, Karen Pettit & Jim & Ellen Poile.  
If you are unable to assist please arrange for someone else to take your place.

*George had been a compulsive worrier for years until he found way to overcome his problem.  
His friend noticed the dramatic change.  
"You don't seem to be worried about anything anymore."  
"I hired a professional worrier for \$1,000.00 a week," George replied.  
"I haven't had a single problem since."  
"A thousand a week?" said his friend. "How in the world are you going to pay him?"  
"Don't care that's his problem."*

Till next month,  
Regards,  
Keith.

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2012.

President Michael welcomed everyone to the mid winter meeting, and stated that he hoped the problem with the speaker system could be fixed before the guest speakers arrived. He then accepted the apologies from the 28 members who were unable to attend; there were 57 members present at the meeting along with our visitor for the day, Annette Downey.

The Probus Prayer was read by Beryl Aitken, and our fire Safety Officer Murray Aitken went through the evacuation procedures.



**Birthdays:** The members celebrating a chilly birthday this month are, 8<sup>th</sup> Keith Beirne, 9<sup>th</sup> Milton Loiterton, 12<sup>th</sup> Des Gaynor, 14<sup>th</sup> Dell Bungay & Annette Gaynor, 34<sup>th</sup> Rita Moore, 31<sup>st</sup> Elaine Baker & Jean Pottie.

We hope you all can find a warm location to really enjoy your day.

**Welfare:** Jeanette Carroll, who was standing in for Bernice, read the welfare report, with six members included for the month. Please note that Bernie Langtry is now in the RSL Remembrance Village, Bill Corbett in Caloola Court, and Pam Woods is in the Forrest Centre. Also on the welfare list are, John Beck who has a broken leg, Jean Jenkins is booked in for a hip replacement next month, Jenny Batten is still receiving treatment and Ray Grant is not very well. Jeanette also distributed some information bags on prostate cancer.

**Activities:** Alcia reported that 13 people had attended the lunch at the Coolamon Bakehouse, and enjoyed an excellent meal, and a visit to the Coolamon shops and the Up To Date store and rural museum.

The July lunch will be at the Golden Seasons Restaurant on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup>, with a 12 noon start. If you wish to attend please let Alcia know by Monday 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Guest Speakers:** Boyd Stone introduced Christine Hillis and Linda Roeseler from the NRMA Safer Driving School who spoke on the subject of Aged Driver Revision and Tests, and interest was notably shown from members by the number of questions to the speakers.

Boyd thanked Christine and Linda for their presentation and presented them with a small gift in appreciation.

The Guest Speaker at the July meeting will be Phil Hoey, a paramedic from the Ambulance Service—dependent on emergencies/work load.



**Tours Officer:** Maureen reported on the trip to Wollundry Grove Olives by 25 members, who

enjoyed a tour of the olive grove and the oil extraction plant, followed by oil tasting and afternoon tea of cakes and scones made using olive oil.

A Devonshire Tea is being organized at the Fernleigh Road Nursery, but on hold till the warmer weather, possibly August.

Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Maureen is organizing a trip to the Cowra Japanese Gardens; and on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November a day trip to the Altina Zoo at Darlington Point.



Numbers for both of these trips requested ASAP.

Maureen asked that we note the Friendship Day on 26<sup>th</sup> October, which will be a picnic in the Botanical Gardens.

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### The Afternoon Tea Roster

For the July meeting includes, Roy Possee, Jean & John Pottie & Bill & Dorothy Prest.

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

*One Sunday morning, the Pastor noticed little Alex was staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church.*

*It was covered in names and had small Australian flags draped on either side of it.*

*The seven year old boy had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the Pastor walked up, stood beside the boy, and quietly said, "Good morning Alex." "Good morning Pastor," replied the young man, still staring at the plaque.*

*"Pastor McGhee, what is this?" Alex asked. "Well son, it as a memorial to all the men and women who have died in the services." Soberly, they stood there staring at the large plaque.*

*Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he asked, "Which one.....the 9.00 or the 10.30 service?"*

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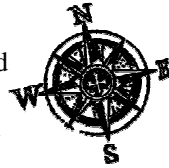
### OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2012.

President Michael opened the meeting by welcoming the 56 members who were present, along with our three visitors for the day, Judy & Bernie Dempsey & Hazel Tennant. There were 15 apologies tendered from those members who were unable to attend.

Keith Beck read the Probuss Prayer, which was followed by Murray Aitken, who gave the required Fire Safety procedures.



Bruce McAlister read us the 'Thoughts For The Day' on the little sat-nav in his car, and how it helped him find his way, but then kept him warm in bed. He then told of the first time that he did 'IT', with everyone holding their breath in anticipation, he revealed 'IT' was milking a cow.



**Birthdays:** The members celebrating their birthdays during August are 10<sup>th</sup> Joan Corbett & Robyn Kirchner, 11<sup>th</sup> Peter Bungay, 12<sup>th</sup> Anne VanWell, 13<sup>th</sup> Ruth Davis, 14<sup>th</sup> Ellen Heinjus, 15<sup>th</sup> Joan Beirne, 16<sup>th</sup> Gwen Feutrill, 22<sup>nd</sup> Gloria Beck.

Happy birthday to you all and we hope you really enjoy your special day.

**Welfare:** Bernice gave a report on those on the welfare list, and reported that she had sent a sympathy card to Jock Meiklejohn and family due to the Passing of Shirley. A card had been sent to Dorothy Prest who was in hospital, and also to Ruth Walker, but Ruth was now up and about and at the meeting. It was also reported at the meeting that Elaine Baker was in hospital.



**Membership:** Joy advised the meeting that we currently have 103 members. She also advised that she had received an application for membership from the three visitors who were at the meeting.

**Activities:** Alcia presented a report on the last month's luncheon at the Golden Seasons Restaurant, and advised that 24 had attended and enjoyed the day with a good meal and lots of talking going on. The August lunch will be at the William Farrer Bistro on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> 12.00pm as usual, please advise Alcia if your name is not on her list and you wish to participate by Monday, 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Guest Speaker:** Phil Hoey who was to have been our Guest Speaker was unable to attend, so our member Ray King filled in by giving us a talk on the Rotary Peace Communities International Conference, which is to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of September 2012, which will be held at the Civic Theatre and Civic Centre.

He went on to explain that Wagga was the first city in the world to be classed as a Rotary Peace Community, and it ran an international peace conference in 2000.

He told of how Rotary was working to promote peace throughout the world by running programs in

health, education and humanities, he also explained how Rotary had worked to eradicate the world of polio, and had achieved a close to perfect result with only a very small number of countries yet to fully combat the disease.



At time of compiling this newsletter the Guest Speaker for the August meeting was not known, but come along anyway and all will be revealed.

### Garden City Probus Club Trips

**Gundagai 22<sup>nd</sup> August:** Maureen has organized a day trip, by bus with morning tea at the Visitors Centre and lunch at the Club. The tour will be with a Gundagai Tour Guide, visiting interesting and historic sites around Gundagai. The cost will be \$35.00

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>:** A one day trip to Cowra calling at the Visitors Centre & Rose Gardens and visiting the Japanese Gardens and Japanese memorial and Cultural Centre. Cost is \$55.00 per person.

**October 26<sup>th</sup>:** **Probus Club's Friendship Day** will take the form of a picnic in the Botanical gardens. It is planned to invite Probus Clubs from other areas. Further details will be advised as they come to hand.

**November 1<sup>st</sup>:** The one day trip to Altina Wild Life Park at Darlington Point is almost fully booked. Cost is \$75.00 per head. So be quick if you want to grab the remaining seats.

**November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> :** Norma Steward has a Settlers Village trip organized to the Ettalong Beach Resort at a cost of \$760.00 per person. For further details & bookings contact Norma on Ph. 69331530.

### Other Probus Club Trips

September 12<sup>th</sup>, one day trip to Holbrook, Hume Weir, Thurgoona & Tarcutta, \$50.00 per person.

September 17-20, Central West, Forbes, Parkes, Dubbo & Cowra. Cost \$620.00 per person.

September 21, one day trip to Canberra, visiting Australian War Memorial to visit exhibition: *Nurses from Afghanistan to Zululand*.

October 15-17, Southern Tablelands Tour, visiting Crookwell, Goulburn & Collector. Cost \$395.00 per person.

For further information on these trips Please contact Maureen who will refer you to the appropriate person.

#### **Afternoon tea roster for the August meeting.**

Kay Smith, Norma Steward, Joan Taylor & Janice & John Vrolyks.

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

Till next month,  
Regards, Keith.

*I was sent to prison, and said to my cell mate.  
"I won't be in here long".  
He replied: "Well the judge did give you six years".  
"Yeah" I replied: "but I reckon my wife will break me out soon....She's never let me finish a sentence yet!!!"*

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President Michael opened the meeting by asking everyone to stand for a minute's silence in memory of our member Bill Corbett, who passed away during the month, and offered our condolences to Joan and family.

Michael then welcomed the 67 members who were present, along with our visitors for the day, Cecilia Irons & John Gray.

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

Ellen Heinjus read the Probus Prayer, and then Murray Aitken delivered the obligatory fire evacuation procedures.

Bernie and Judy Dempsey were then inducted as members to our club by President Michael, who welcomed them warmly and explained the aims of the club.

Bruce McAlister gave the 'Thought for the day' which was a poem, a spoof on Banjo Patterson's 'Clancy of the Overflow' which gave the horse's point of view of the event.



**Birthdays:** The members celebrating their birthdays during September are, 1<sup>st</sup> Norma Judd, 4<sup>th</sup> Bernice Munro, 6<sup>th</sup> Ronda Lampe, 8<sup>th</sup> Laurel Macdonald, 9<sup>th</sup> Gay Lucas, 10<sup>th</sup> Warren Tulk,

12<sup>th</sup> Lynette Stackenburg, 15<sup>th</sup> Ivan Heinjus, 18<sup>th</sup> Barbara Fielder & Ruth Walker, 27<sup>th</sup> Malcolm Alexander, Alcia Dowd & Noreen Langtry, 30<sup>th</sup> Robyn King, Bruce McAlister & Bill Prest.



Get together with all those that are dear to your and enjoy the day.

**Welfare:** Bernice advised that she had sent a sympathy card to Joan Corbett, and had received a nice thank you card in return. She had also received a Thank You card from Dorothy Prest, who was at the meeting, and advised that she had spent 7 weeks in hospital.

Bernice had also sent a sympathy card to Jenny Batten on the death of her mother, and a get well card to Ray Grant who has been unwell lately.

**Activities:** Thirty two members enjoyed the August lunch at the William Farrer Bistro. Alcia told the meeting that she only had 19 names on her list of those wishing to attend, and that 32 had turned up which makes it awkward when advising seating for catering, especially to venues with limited seating capacity.

The lunch date for September is to the RSL Club Pearl City Chinese Restaurant, on Tuesday, the 11<sup>th</sup>, and the lunch for October is on Tuesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> at the Thomas Blamey Bistro at Lake Albert.

If you wish to attend please make sure your name is on the lunch list at least two days previous.

Bookings to either of these lunches can be made with Joan Stone on ph. 69331604, if your name is not already on the list.

**Guest Speaker:** As the Guest Speaker for the day was unable to attend, the spot was filled by John Gray, who told us of his involvement in the local, now retired, musical group The Mentones, who were fondly remembered by many of the members who were present.

Michael Dowd then gave a talk on his life as a partner in a legal practice in Leeton, and as circuit magistrate travelling to Griffith, Broken Hill and surrounding areas before retiring to Wagga in 2007, and trying to become a local.

He finished with an amusing story of a domestic violence case he dealt with as a magistrate.



**The Guest Speaker** for the September meeting will be Chris Blake who will give a talk on the aims and achievements of Country Hope, children's assistance & support group.

### Garden City Probus Club Trips

Maureen gave a report on the recent trip by the 22 people who enjoyed a great day visiting various places around Gundagai and returning via Wantabadgery & Oura. She displayed a group of photos for those who missed out on the trip.

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>:** A one day trip to Cowra calling at the Visitors' Centre & Rose Gardens and visiting the Japanese Gardens, Japanese Memorial & Cultural Centre. Cost \$55 pp. Maureen needs another 7 people on the list for this trip to go ahead.

**November 1<sup>st</sup>:** The trip to Altina Wildlife Park at Darlington Point has received great support, and is fully booked, but if more people would like to attend, a larger bus can be obtained. Payment of \$75 for this trip is needed by the September Meeting.

### Other Probus Club Trips

September 12<sup>th</sup>, one day trip to Holbrook, Hume Weir, Thurgoona & Tarcutta, \$50.00 per person.

September 17-20, Central West, Forbes, Parkes, Dubbo & Cowra. Cost \$620.00 per person.

September 21, one day trip to Canberra, visiting Australian War Memorial to visit exhibition: *Nurses from Afghanistan to Zululand*.

October 15-17, Southern Tablelands Tour, visiting Crookwell, Goulburn & Collector. Cost \$395.00 per person. For further information on these trips Please contact Maureen who will refer you to the appropriate person.

**October 26<sup>th</sup>:** Probus Club's Friendship Day will be a picnic lunch in the Botanical Gardens.

### Afternoon tea roster for September

John & Ruth Walker, Elva Westman,  
John & Pam Whiles.

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

Till next month,  
Regards,  
Keith.

*A woman walks into the optometrists store to return a pair of eyeglasses she had purchased the week before. "What seems to be the problem, ma'am?" the optometrist inquired. "Well I bought these glasses for my husband last week and they're just not working," the woman complained. "Perhaps the lab made an error in filling the prescription." "I'm sure they must have," the woman confirmed. "My husband's still not seeing things my way."*

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2012.

Vice President Joan opened the meeting by welcoming the 47 members who were present, and receiving apologies from the 33 members who were unable to attend. There were no visitors to our club on the day.

Robyn Kirchner read the Probus Prayer.

Murray Aitken explained the procedure for evacuating the premises in case of fire, telling the members to walk quietly from the hall, (*and he would collect the ladies handbags!!!!*).



**Birthdays:** Birthdays for October are, 2<sup>nd</sup> Murray Aitken, 5<sup>th</sup> Ellen Poile, 8<sup>th</sup> Bernie Langtry, 11<sup>th</sup> Robert Stakenburg, 12<sup>th</sup> Margaret Johnstone, 21<sup>st</sup> Neil Harris, 23<sup>rd</sup> Betty Loiterton, and 31<sup>st</sup> Col Dunn. Happy birthday to you all, we hope you have a wonderful day and the year ahead treats you well.

**Membership:** Joy reports that our membership stands at 104, and the Committee has accepted the application for membership from John Gray, who will be inducted and presented with his Probus badge at the next meeting.



Joy has also received membership cards from Probus Centre, and if you didn't receive one at the meeting please ask Joy for yours.

**Welfare:** Bernice reported that the only reports that she had were that Ruth Walker was in hospital, and that she had received a thank you card from Jean Jenkins, who had recently had a hip replacement, but was now doing well.

If you know of any other members who are not well, and you think that they would appreciate a card or call, please let Bernice know.

**Activities:** Joan Stone, who was filling in for Ailsa, reported that the last lunch at the RSL Club Chinese Restaurant was attended by 31 members who had enjoyed a tasty lunch.

The lunch for October will be at the Thomas Blamey Bistro at Lake Albert, on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> at 12.00pm.

Please let Joan know on ph. 69331604, by the Monday previous, as usual, if you wish to attend.

The Christmas party for this year will be on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December at the Garden Court Restaurant in the Botanical Gardens.

Our previous functions at this venue have been well received by all who attended. Further details as to cost etc. will be notified at the next meeting.

**Guest Speaker:** Our Guest Speaker for the meeting was Chris Blake from Country Hope, which is a foundation set up to assist children with life threatening illnesses, and their families. They aid with accommodation and transport for families whose children have to be admitted to hospital in capital cities, as well as the family members who have to remain at home. Country Hope receives no government funding and relies on sponsorship and community fund raising. They provide counseling and career advice for children as they mature and recover from their illness. Each year they provide a camp for the children and their carers. This year the camp will be at Tidbinbilla, and Chris explained the planning and organizing that goes into these events.

The Guest Speaker at the October meeting will be Julian McLaren, our recently elected City Councillor.

### Garden City Probus Club Trips

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October:** Maureen has arranged for a morning tea at the Fernleigh Road Nursery from 10.00am. It will consist of a Devonshire tea and a talk on herbs and a tour of the nursery.

The cost for the morning will be a gold coin donation.

Bring your own chairs, and please let Maureen know for catering purposes.



The trip to Altina Wildlife Park at Darlington Point on 1<sup>st</sup> November has been well received and Maureen advises that she has only 2 places left to fill.

Due to the bus being full the cost has been reduced to \$70.00 per head.

Unfortunately, due to the lack of numbers for the Cowra trip it has had to be cancelled.

### Other Probus Club Trips

October 15-17, Southern Tablelands Tour, visiting Crookwell, Goulburn & Collector. Cost \$395.00 per person. For further information on this trip please contact Maureen who will refer you to the appropriate person.

February/March 2013: Wollundry Ladies are looking at a 5 day, 4 night trip to Merimbula with bus pick up in Wagga. The cost will be \$595, with a \$50 deposit to be paid Nov/Dec

**October 26<sup>th</sup> : Probus Club's Friendship Day** will be a picnic lunch in the Botanical Gardens BBQ area at the southern end of Macleay Street from 12.00 noon.

Bring your own food, drinks & chair, and BBQ facilities will be available and manned for those interested.

### Afternoon tea roster for October

Rita Wilson, Beryl Aitken, Elaine Baker & Joan & Keith Beirne.

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

*Psychiatry students were in their Emotional Extremes class. "Let's set some parameters," the professor said. "What's the opposite of joy?" he asked one student. "Sadness," was the reply. "The opposite of depression?" he asked another student. "Elation," he replied. "The opposite of woe?" The professor asked a young woman from Texas.*

*The Texan replied, "Sir I believe that would be giddy up."*

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**OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2012.**

President Michael opened the meeting by welcoming the 66 members who were present, and receiving the apologies from the 25 members who were unable to attend.

The Probus Prayer was read by Janice Vrolyks, followed by Murray Aitken delivering the usual fire evacuation procedure.

President, Michael then inducted our new member, John Gray to the club, and presented him with his name badge and explained the aims of the club and hoped that he enjoyed our friendship.



Bruce McAlister presented a nostalgic poem about grandma's laundry, and read a quote from Socrates which showed that children today are not a lot different than they were 2400 years ago.

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

**Membership:** Joy still has a few membership cards to be issued. If you haven't collected yours see joy at the next meeting.

**Welfare:** Bernice reported that Ray Grant is still unwell, and Ruth Walker has been in and out of hospital lately, and was again in hospital on the meeting day.

**Activities:** Alcia reported that the last lunch at the Thomas Blamey Bistro was attended by 20 members, but she was disappointed that the 'Lams Fry & Bacon' was unavailable. The lunch date for next month is at the Shangri-La Restaurant, which is at the Hampden Bridge end of Fitzmaurice Street, on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 12.00pm as usual, with numbers to Alcia by Mon 12<sup>th</sup>. It is a lunch menu at \$12.50, or order from the menu at cost.



The Christmas Party will be on Tuesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> December, at The Garden Court Restaurant in the Botanical Gardens from 12.00pm, and the cost will be \$40 per head.

The menu will consist of, canapés, bread roll, oven baked pork or grilled beef, sweets, tea or coffee, with orange juice & water on the table.

Bring your own table decorations, if required. No gifts will be exchanged.

The money will be required in an envelope, with your name on the front by the November Meeting at the latest. **No late entries will be accepted.** After payment no refunds will be available.

**Notice of motion:** It will be moved at the next meeting that we accept the changes to the Probus constitution as recommended by Probus Centre South Pacific.

A copy of the changes was tabled at the meeting, and if you need further information, contact our Secretary.

**Guest Speaker:** The Guest Speaker at the meeting was Julian McLaren, who spoke on dealing with the changing world, and the differences between China and the Western World, and how the wealth, technology, education, health and work ethic of China was forging ahead, whereas the Western World was either stagnating or falling behind.

The Guest Speaker at the next meeting will be Wes Campbell of the Wagga Orienteering Club.



### **Garden City Probus Club Trips**

As the trip to Cowra had to be cancelled due to low numbers, Maureen organized a morning tea at the Fernleigh Road Nursery on the 16<sup>th</sup> October.

It was attended by 40 people, who enjoyed a Devonshire morning tea with scones and home made jam.

An informative talk was given on herbs and their use in cooking, and pest control. A gold coin donation was collected, with the proceeds being donated to 'Relay for Life'.

Members have been invited to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Sunflower House at 4 The Esplanade, on Wed 21<sup>st</sup> November with RSVP by Wed 14<sup>th</sup>, to ph. 69318770.

### **Other Probus Club Trips**

**November 16<sup>th</sup>** Koorungal Ladies have a trip to Iandra Castle at Greenthorpe. There are still some seats available.

The bus will leave Cross Street at 7:45am, the cost is \$68.00.

**February 2013**, Wollundry Ladies have arranged a 5 days, 4 night's trip to Merimbula on the South Coast from 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. The cost is \$595.00 with pickup in Wagga.

*While I was working in the men's section of a department store, a woman asked me to help her choose a white dress shirt for her husband.*

*When I asked about his size, the woman looked stumped at first, and then her face brightened. She held up her hands, forming a circle with her forefingers and thumbs.*

*"I don't know his size," she said, "but my hands fit perfectly around his neck."*



**The kitchen roster:** For the November meeting: Dell & Peter Bungay, George & Rita Cameron, & Nola Carmichael.

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

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**OUR NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2013**



President Michael opened the last meeting for 2012 by welcoming the 65 members who were present, along with our visitor for the day, Hazel Tennant.

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

As our Safety Officer, Murray was unavailable, President Michael gave a brief evacuation plan. Keith Beck was then invited to read the Probus Prayer.



Bruce McAlister presented a poem about the old petrol tin, which dealt with the many uses that petrol tins were put to in the early days of motor cars. He followed this with a list of the uses, medical and practical, that kerosene was put to, both tales giving fond or otherwise memories of these two items.

**Membership:** Joy advises that our current membership stands at 104 and that she has had an application for two new members to be accepted at the next committee meeting. If you know of anyone that you consider would be interested in joining, bring them along.

**Birthdays:** Members celebrating their birthdays in December are 1<sup>st</sup> John Whiles, 6<sup>th</sup> Jan Jones, 12<sup>th</sup> Alex Macdonald, 17<sup>th</sup> Ray King, 18<sup>th</sup> Norma Gray & Kay Smith, 21<sup>st</sup> Fay Grant, 23<sup>rd</sup> Nola Carmichael. The birthday people for January are, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jeanette Carroll & Ray Grant, 12<sup>th</sup> Jean Jenkins, 15<sup>th</sup> Jim McLarty & Dorothy Prest, 18<sup>th</sup> John Smit, 24<sup>th</sup> Leonie & Martin Kendall, 25<sup>th</sup> Joan Taylor.

To those who have already celebrated your birthday, we hope you had a lovely one and to those still to celebrate, have a great day and enjoy every moment of it.

**Welfare:** Bernice reported that she had received a card from Annette Gaynor thanking her for her call when she and Des had been unwell lately. Bernice also advised that Peter Meiklejohn was still awaiting a hip replacement.

**Activities:** Alcia told the meeting of the last lunch which was attended by 36 members at the Shangri La Restaurant, who enjoyed a lovely meal in very peasant setting.

The January Lunch will be at the Golden Seasons Restaurant in Forsyth Street, on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

Names as usual, to Alcia by Monday, 14<sup>th</sup>, for catering purposes.

**Guest Speaker:** The Guest Speaker at the meeting was Wes Campbell, who gave a talk on orienteering, explaining how the sport of Orienteering operated and details of the organising and running of orienteering events.

The Guest Speaker at the next meeting will be a member of the Wagga Highway Patrol, who will explain changes that have been made to the road rules, as well as other Policing matters.



**Notice of motion:** As listed in the last newsletter was discussed by the Committee, and they felt that the section which stated that the new committee would take their places immediately following their election at the AGM was unacceptable, as this would not give them a settling in period and negate the need for a change over meeting the next month.

After advising this to the general meeting the motion was put and passed with the exception of this one section.

### **The Christmas Party**

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December we held our Christmas Party at the Garden Court Restaurant in the Wagga Botanical Gardens.

The party was attended by 54 members who enjoyed a pleasant event in the surrounds of the colourful gardens.

### **Probus Club Trips**

Maureen gave us a report, and Peter Piltz showed a DVD on the recent trip to the Altina Park Wildlife Sanctuary & Zoo at Darlington Point.

Leaving Wagga with a full bus, we enjoyed morning tea at Narrandera, and then a horse and carriage tour of the zoo, then going on to Griffith for lunch and a stop on the way home with wine tasting at the Lilli Pilli Winery.

### **Other trips coming up or being considered**

**February 2013**, Wollundry Ladies have arranged a 5 days, 4 night's trip to Merimbula on the South Coast from 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. The cost is \$595.00 with pickup in Wagga.

Trips being considered for next year will include, Echuca, Mudgee, Canberra and Floriade.

*The Santa Claus at the shopping mall was very surprised when Emily, a young lady aged about 20 years old walked up and sat on his lap. Now, we all know that Santa doesn't usually take requests from adults, but she smiled very nicely at him, so he asked her, 'What do you want for Christmas?*

*'Something for my mother, please,' replied Emily sweetly.*

*'Something for your mother? Well, that's very loving and thoughtful of you,' smiled Santa. 'What do you would you like me to bring her?'*

*Without turning a hair Emily answered quickly, 'A son-in-law.'*

### **The afternoon tea roster for the next meeting**

Jeanette Carroll, Allan & Nell Davis,

Bernie & Judy Dempsey.

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



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### **OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2013**

Happy New Year to you all, and hope you are all well and looking forward to another year of Probud activities.

President Michael opened the January meeting by welcoming the 46 members who were present, along with our visitor for the day, Hazel Tennant.

There were 16 apologies tendered from those members who were unable to attend.

Murray Aitken gave the fire evacuation advice, followed by Bernie Dempsey, who read the Probud Prayer.

Alcia Dowd then amused us with a short story.



**Birthdays:** The birthday celebrants for February are 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Piltz, 7<sup>th</sup> Audrey Killalea & Rita Smit, 8<sup>th</sup> Bill Lampe, 9<sup>th</sup> Judy McLarty, 11<sup>th</sup> Bill Van Well, 13<sup>th</sup> Nancy Dunn, 16<sup>th</sup> Peter Meiklejohn, 28<sup>th</sup> Anne Peacock. Happy birthday to you all, have a great day and we hope the weather cools down for you.

**Welfare:** Members who we have heard of on the unwell list are, Des Gaynor, who has had several trips to Sydney of late but is now back in Wagga receiving treatment, Peter Meiklejohn, who was to have a hip replacement but was sent to Sydney for a double by-pass instead, and is now waiting for his new hip again. Bernice has sent both of them a get well card.

Bernice has also been to Sydney for some tests.

Our thoughts also go to Ray Grant who has been unwell for some time.

**Activities:** Alcia expressed her pleasure with the success of our Christmas party with everyone circulating the venue and enjoying some great Probud friendship.

A report was given on the January lunch which was held at the Golden Seasons Restaurant with Alcia being pleasantly surprised that 36 people had attended so early in the season and on a very hot day, with 36 members in attendance.

The lunch date for February is at the William Farrer bistro cnr. Edward & Peter Sts. On Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, numbers of those wishing to attend, to Alcia please by Monday 11<sup>th</sup>.

Alcia is also requesting suggestions for alternative venues to hold future lunches.

**Guest Speaker:** At the meeting was Sen. Const. Geoff Brett of the Wagga Highway patrol.

Geoff explained some of the new road rules, dealing with child seating regulations, driving on freeways, multi lane roadways and other roads with various speed limits.

He also gave us a detailed talk on the new regulations on using roundabouts and signalling on entering and leaving.

He then invited questions from the meeting which resulted in a lot of questions being asked about other road rules.

The Guest Speaker at the February meeting will be Dr. Delwyn Dyall-Smith, a local dermatologist.



### **Probus Club Trips**

**February 18th to 22nd.** 5 day 4 night trip to Merimbula. Cost is \$595.00, with pickup in Wagga. Deposit is \$50 per person, balance due by first Wednesday in February 2013

**Expressions of interest** are being sought for a trip to visit the Mudgee, Gulgong area. This trip needs to have numbers confirmed by February if it is to go ahead.

**Wed. March 13th** Koorinal Men's will be doing a Car Pool Trip to Coolamon.

**Thurs. 16th of May** Koorinal Men's have organised a trip to Canberra with the idea of visiting the War Memorial & Parliament House to witness Question Time. Cost is \$40 including morning tea.

**September 17-18<sup>th</sup>** Koorinal Men's are arranging a two-day trip to Kelly Country, with other attractions and visits to tempt us. Cost will be \$210.

As last year's friendship day was only attended by a small number of members, suggestions are being sought for a venue for this year's event.

For further information on any of these trips contact our tours officer, Maureen on ph.69252994.

**Don't forget:** Our committee elections will be held at the March meeting and nominations are needed by the February meeting for **all** positions.

As of 4<sup>th</sup> February Council will be closing the old gasworks site, and parking will become a problem. Council are trying to find a solution, which may include varying parking restriction in the area, or having to transfer our meetings to another venue.

Members will be advised of the outcome.

**The afternoon tea roster:** for the next meeting.

Gwen Feutrill, Fay Grant, John Gray,  
Annette Gaynor & Neil Harris.

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

*On the area inspection tour, a prominent politician was pleased and proud that the local sandwich shop in a town he was visiting had named a sandwich after him.*

*He was somewhat less pleased after he found out what was in it.*

*"Mostly baloney," said the proprietor.*

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### **OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2013**

Due to the closing of the Playhouse car park our future meetings will be held at the Netball Centre at Equex, corner of Koorlingal Rd. & Copland St. until further notice.

In Michael's absence Vice President Joan Stone opened the meeting by welcoming the 68 members who were present as well as accepting the apologies from the 19 members who were unable to attend.

We had 6 visitors at the meeting, being, Barry & Jenny Briggs, Bruce & Eileen Wells, Cecelia Irons & Sylvia Lowney.

Murray Aitken advised us of the procedures to evacuate the centre in the event of a fire, followed by Barbara Fielder reading the Probud Prayer.

Bruce McAlister, our club story teller told of the man with a pen, relating to how a man with a pen featured all through our lives, and also a poem of Grandma's busy day.



**Birthdays:** Members celebrating their birthdays during March are, 8<sup>th</sup> Karen Pettit, 11<sup>th</sup> Heather McAlister, 14<sup>th</sup> Lorraine Downey, 18<sup>th</sup> Bernice Piltz, 21<sup>st</sup> Maureen Nugent, 24<sup>th</sup> Arthur Moore, 28<sup>th</sup> Bill Nash. Happy birthday to you all, have a great day and don't forget to smell the flowers.

**Welfare:** Bernice advised that she had sent a card to and received a thank you card in return from Joan Corbett who had recently had orthopaedic surgery. Also get well cards to Ray Grant & George Cameron who had both recently been in hospital.



Des Gaynor is now having treatment at the Wagga radiotherapy centre, and Ruth Walker has not been well lately. Jenny Batten is now back with us and was at the meeting.

**Activities:** The February lunch at The William Farrer Bistro was attended by 30 members who enjoyed a good lunch and some great friendship following (judging by the noise in the dining room following lunch).

The lunch venue for March is at the Shangri-La Restaurant in Fitzmaurice St. on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, with names of those wishing to attend to Alcia by Monday 11<sup>th</sup>.

Alcia is seeking suggestions for venues to hold future lunches.

**Guest Speaker:** The guest speaker at the meeting was Dr. Delwyn Dyal-Smith a Dermatologist with a private practice in Wagga.

Dr. Dyall-Smith urged everyone to have regular skin checks, all over the body, particularly in hidden places for cancer and melanoma as not all cancers are caused by exposure to the sun. The Guest Speaker at the next meeting will be Lex Bittar a former headmaster at South Wagga Public School and now involved with Meals on Wheels.

### **Probus Club Trips**

**Wed. March 13th** Koorungal Men's will be doing a Car Pool Trip to Coolamon.

**Tues April 16 th** Garden City Probus are hosting a one day mystery trip to a destination only know to the coach driver. The cost will be \$55 pp. and will include coach travel, morning tea & lunch, some attractions may incur extra cost. Payment due when booking to secure your seat. The coach will depart from and return to Collins Park – Fox St..

**Wed May 1<sup>st</sup>** Sturt Ladies have arranged a one day trip to the Beechworth-Bright area. Cost will be \$45 pp with morning tea & lunch at own cost. This looks like being a great day. Contact Pat 69226175 or Jeanette 69262342. Payment will be due by our next meeting.

**Thurs. 16th of May** Koorungal Men's have organised a trip to Canberra with the idea of visiting the War Memorial & Parliament House to witness Question Time. Cost is \$40 including morning tea.

A number of other trips are being organised for later in the year, details will be advised closer to the time.

Maureen has some suggestions on events in the local region including, March 20 The Silver Screen at the Forum Cinema, \$10 including lunch, March 27 Music at Midday, March 24 Literary Lunch at the Garden Court \$50, April 14 High Tea & Fashion Parade at the MTC \$50. If you are interested in attending any of the above contact Maureen who will make block bookings.

As last year's friendship day was only attended by a small number of members, suggestions are being sought for a program and venue for this year's event.



**The Walking Group:** Will be starting from McDonalds at the Koorungal Mall at 8.30am Wed. 13<sup>th</sup>. Come along, go for a walk in the area, have morning tea afterwards and enjoy some great friendship.

**Meeting notice:** the AGM will be held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March to elect the committee members for the coming year. Nominations are still being sought for a number of the positions.

**The afternoon tea roster:** For the next meeting, Ellen & Ivan Heinjus, Jean Jenkins, Margaret Johnston & Jan Jones.

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

*I've never understood why women love cats.  
Cats are independent, they don't listen, they don't come in when you call, they like to stay out all night, and when they are home they like to be left alone and sleep.  
In other words, every quality that women hate in a man, they love in a cat.*

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**OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April , 2013, At the Netball Centre, Equex**

**Note:** This is the fifth Tuesday, not the fourth, as the venue is not available on our usual Tuesday.

President Michael opened the meeting by welcoming the 61 members who were present and accepting the 22 apologies of those members who were unable to attend.

Ellen Poile read the Probud Prayer, and then our Safety Officer, Murray, detailed the procedures to follow in the event of a fire, stating that the men could assemble on one side of the building with a keg & the women could assemble on the other side and play netball.

Michael then inducted Hazell Tennant as a new member to our club and presented her with her club name badge and wished her a successful association with us.

Our Story Teller, Bruce McAlister read a story titled 'Do you ever feel like this' about the ups & downs of our lives.

Alcia Dowd read us the wording on a sign that she had discovered, detailing the adverse effect that the duopoly of 'Coles/Woolworths' & their associated companies was having on us all as well as small businesses and suppliers.



**Birthdays:** Members having birthdays during April are, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rita Wilson, 8<sup>th</sup> George Cameron, 10<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Batten, 15<sup>th</sup> Pam Whiles, 19<sup>th</sup> Norma Steward, 22<sup>nd</sup> John Pottie. Happy birthday to you all and have a great autumn day.

**Welfare:** Bernice advised that she had sent a card to George Cameron and received a thank you card in return. (George has now recovered and was at the meeting). She had sent a get well card to Annette Gaynor, who was in hospital in Sydney but is now home & on the mend, also a card to Ivan Heinjus due to the death of his brother, and had also received a thank you card from Ray & Fay Grant.

**Activities:** Alcia reported that there had been 32 members who had enjoyed a great meal in the pleasant surroundings of the Shangri-La Restaurant.

The April lunch will be at the Garden Court on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April, where for \$20 you will be offered a choice of lasagne or quiche, with free coffee or tea. Desert will be optional for \$6.

Numbers MUST be in by Friday 5<sup>th</sup>.

Lunches coming up include Wed, 15<sup>th</sup> May, at the Thirsty Crow, \$16 for a choice of three meals, June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Shangri-La, July 9<sup>th</sup>. The Pavilion for \$20 soup & sandwiches.

**Guest Speaker:** The Guest Speaker at the meeting was Lex Bittar, a former School teacher, School Inspector, and now the President of Meals on Wheels in Wagga, which is this year celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

President Michael then closed the meeting and opened the Annual General Meeting by reading his Annual Report, which extended his thanks to all the outgoing committee for their assistance during the year, and to all the members for their support and friendship.



Murray Aitken then took the chair and called for nominations for Office Bearers for the 2013/14 year. With the result being as listed in the heading of this newsletter.

### The Change Over

The Changeover afternoon tea (Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April) will again be catered for by the Yathella-Coursing Park CWA Ladies at a cost of \$6.50 per person, but the club is subsidising the cost to \$5.00 pp payable on the day.

As the Changeover is fully catered there will be no need for an afternoon tea roster this month.

**David Kennedy** will be providing the entertainment at the changeover.

THE SUBS FOR THIS YEAR WILL REMAIN AT \$25 WHICH ARE NOW DUE & PAYABLE.

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*Once upon a time in their marriage, my Dad did something really stupid. My Mom chewed him out for it. He apologized, they made up.*

*However, from time to time, my mom mentions what he had done. "Honey," my Dad finally said one day, "why do you keep bringing that up? I thought your policy was 'forgive and forget.'"*

*"It is," she said. "I just don't want you to forget that I've forgiven and forgotten."*



After 7 years, this is my last newsletter as I have retired from the position of Newsletter Editor, and Joy has also retired from Membership Officer. We would like to thank all of the members for their appreciation of our involvement in the Management Committee and hope that you extend to Michael and Robyn the help and assistance that you have given us.

Regards,  
Keith.

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