



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

Formed 26<sup>th</sup> August 1997

### NEWSLETTER for APRIL, 2013

<b>President:</b> Joan Stone	69331604	<b>Welfare:</b> Bernice Piltz	69225262
<b>Vice President:</b> John Whiles	69261003	<b>Newsletter:</b> Michael Dowd	0428251002
<b>Secretary:</b> Barbara Fielder	69212808	<b>Hospitality:</b> Lynette Stakenburg	69265151
<b>Treasurer:</b> Peter Piltz	69225262	<b>Hospitality:</b> John Smit	69319727
<b>Past President:</b> Robyn	69218177	<b>Trips Organizer:</b> Maureen Nugent	69252994
<b>Public Officer:</b> Murray Aitken	69226362	<b>Activities:</b> Alcia Dowd	0477546427
<b>Membership:</b> Robyn Kirchner	69218177	<b>Programs:</b> Boyd Stone	69331604
<b>Secretary's e-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:fielderbe@bigpond.com">fielderbe@bigpond.com</a>		<b>Newsletter e-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:beakscourt@hotmail.com">beakscourt@hotmail.com</a>	

Mailing Address P.O. Box 8608 Koorringal 2650

**OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 28 May 2013 at Netball Centre Equex.**

---

President Michael opened the changeover meeting by welcoming the 70 members, 14 guests representing the various Probus clubs of Wagga and 3 visitors. There were 15 apologies.

Joy Beck read the Probus prayer on the eve of her retirement as a longstanding committee member and Boyd Stone (in the absence of Murray) told us all where to go in the event of fire.

Bruce McAlister then entertained us with an account of a senior couple on a road trip and their dealings (successful) with an obstreperous motel manager, following which the various reports were presented.

**WELFARE:** Bernice who had been in hospital herself, reported that she had sent a sympathy card to Robyn and Vince King on the recent death of Robyn's mother, that Joan Corbett had recently had hip surgery which had not progressed as hoped so that she may need further hip surgery, and that Peter Micklejohn had finally received a date (the 23<sup>rd</sup> May) for his proposed hip surgery. Our condolences particularly to Robyn and best wishes for speedy recoveries to John and Peter.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Congratulations and best wishes to our May birthday celebrants, John Walker (5<sup>th</sup>), Allan Davis (9<sup>th</sup>), Peter Killalea (15<sup>th</sup>), Gwen Earsman (16<sup>th</sup>), and Harold Wilson (19<sup>th</sup>). May you all celebrate many more.

**PROGRAMS:** Boyd reported that our next speaker would be Judy Begent who, we understand will be talking to us on matters medical and otherwise as she may wish.

**ACTIVITIES:** Alcia reported a small attendance of 7 for the last lunch at the Garden Court, which was nevertheless much enjoyed by those present. The next luncheon will be at the Thirsty Crow on WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> May—lunch \$16 plus interesting variety of beers and other drinks available.

**TRIPS:** Maureen confirmed the success of the mystery trip to all points north, the full extent of the mystery not becoming clear until well into the afternoon. The highlight was the farm near Greenthorpe with its garden of roses and the morning tea poetry entertainment of the host. We understand the Sturt Ladies trip to Beechworth and Bright was also a good day, enjoyed by a number of our members. Maureen advised of a number of future trips organized, including Canberra on 16<sup>th</sup> May, Erin Earth on 28<sup>th</sup> June, Golbourn Xmas in July on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July, and Mudgee-Gulgong on 8<sup>th</sup> October (three days).

After again thanking the 2012-2013 committee for their endeavours during the year, Michael then introduced incoming President Joan Stone, invested her with the Club's chain of office and wished her

well for the coming year. Joan then commenced her term by introducing her committee to the assembled members and guests and particularly acknowledging those previous committee members who were retiring from office. The new committee as introduced comprised those persons listed at the beginning of this newsletter.

Joan then asked Boyd to introduce the speaker David Kennedy. David then totally and toe-tappingly entertained us for the next 40 minutes with his considerable expertise on the clarinet giving us a concert of principally jazz and swing numbers which ended all too quickly. He is, and obviously for many years has been one of Wagga's finest musicians.

Joan then closed the meeting and invited all to enjoy the special afternoon tea provide specially for our changeover meeting. by the ladies of the Yathella-Coursing Park CWA. Their usual high standard was well and truly maintained and we thank them for their efforts.

This is my first effort at the newsletter which would not have been produced at all without continuing advice and practical assistance from Keith. Hopefully I might become more independent and acquire a few more reporting skills given time.

Afternoon tea roster for the may meeting: Leonie & Martin Kendall, Audrey & Peter Killalea, & Robyn King.

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

Regards, Michael

**WAGGA WAGGA GARDEN CITY PROBUS  
NEWSLETTER**



**If unclaimed please return to:-  
PO Box 8608, Kooringal, 2650.  
PRINT POST No. 24731000028**

Surface  
Mail

Postage  
Paid  
Wagga  
Wagga



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

Formed 26<sup>th</sup> August 1997

## NEWSLETTER for May, 2013

<b>President:</b> Joan Stone	69331604	<b>Welfare:</b> Bernice Piltz	69225262
<b>Vice President:</b> John Whiles	69261003	<b>Newsletter:</b> Michael Dowd	0428251002
<b>Secretary:</b> Barbara Fielder	69212808	<b>Hospitality:</b> Lynette Stakenburg	69265151
<b>Treasurer:</b> Peter Piltz	69225262	<b>Hospitality:</b> John Smit	69319727
<b>Past President:</b> Robyn	69218177	<b>Trips Organizer:</b> Maureen Nugent	69252994
<b>Public Officer:</b> Murray Aitken	69226362	<b>Activities:</b> Alcía Dowd	0477546427
<b>Membership:</b> Robyn Kirchner	69218177	<b>Programs:</b> Boyd Stone	69331604
<b>Secretary's e-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:fielderbe@bigpond.com">fielderbe@bigpond.com</a>		<b>Newsletter e-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:beakscourt@hotmail.com">beakscourt@hotmail.com</a>	

Mailing Address P.O. Box 8608 Koorringal 2650

**OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; 1.30 pm, Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2013: At The Netball Centre, Equex.**

---

President Joan opened the meeting by welcoming the 64 members who were present, along with Faye Hinitt & Sylvia Lowrey, who were our visitors for the day.

There were 15 apologies tendered from those members who were unable to attend.

Janice Vrolyks read the Probus Prayer, followed by Murray Aitken giving the obligatory fire evacuation procedures.

Bruce McAlister, our club story teller told of a husband and wife arguing over the pig pen as to who's relation were whose, and also a poem '*what are seniors worth*', and concluded with Hereditary as related to animals.

**Welfare:** Bernice reported that she had sent a card to Joan Corbett, who had recently undergone another hip operation, but reports were that Joan was now home. She had also sent a card to Bernie Langtry and had received a thank you card in return.

**Membership:** Robyn advised Bernie Langtry had resigned due to health issues.

The committee had received an application from Judy Willis to become a member of our club, which was accepted at the meeting. Judy will be inducted at the next meeting.

This has left our membership number at 103.

Robyn advised that we have 70 financial members and 34 unfinancial at the meeting date.

**Membership subs are now due and need to be paid by 30<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Birthdays:** Members celebrating their birthdays during June will be, 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, and 26<sup>th</sup> Joan Stone.

Happy birthday to you all, find a warm place and appreciate your special day.

**Activities:** Maureen, on Alcía's behalf reported that there had been 22 members who had enjoyed the last lunch at the Thirsty Crow.

For June Maureen has organized a visit to the Rex Aviation Training Academy at Forest Hill on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

We will assemble at Rex, which is on the left hand side as you enter the airport, at 12.00pm for a start of the tour at 12.15pm followed by lunch at 1.00pm at a cost of \$20.00.

A tour of the RAAF Museum will follow lunch, for those wishing to visit.

**The Walking Group:** Will meet at the south City car park at 8.30am on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June, for a long or short walk followed by morning tea at either Coffee Club or Donut King.

So come along get some good exercise and enjoy some great friendship.

*Members receiving this newsletter by post may not have received it by the above date:*

If you have an email address let the newsletter editor know, and you will receive it earlier than by post,

and save the club the postage.  
Walking mornings are held every two weeks.

**The Guest Speaker:** At the meeting was the Reverend Dr. Judy Begent who is a recipient of a Rotary Peace Award, and is the Chaplain at the Mary Potter Centre, & the Forest Centre.  
Judy gave us an entertaining and informative talk on Medicare Local's Aged Care Service which deals with aged care & independent living arrangements.  
She stressed the importance of making a will to ensure your estate is handled as you would wish on your passing.

**The Guest for the June Meeting:** Boyd has arranged some music by Amanda Lang for the meeting.

### **Probus Club Trips**

**The Albury-Wodonga trip:** being planned for 14<sup>th</sup> June has had to be cancelled due to insufficient numbers.

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October:** A 3 day 2 night trip to visit the Mudgee- Gulgong area travelling with Priest's Coaches. Cost is \$454 per person. Contact Pat McDonald on 69226175 or Jeanette Carroll on 69262342. A flyer will be forwarded when available.

**November:** Maureen is arranging a one-day trip to Mulwala. Details to be finalized.

**Friendship Day 2013:** At the RSL Club on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Possibly with Gary Blacker the incoming chairman of Probus Centre South Pacific if he is available.

### **Afternoon tea roster for the June meeting**

Robyn & Vince King, Ronda & Bill Lampe, & Noreen Langtry. If you are unable to assist, please arrange for someone to take your place.

*A man sits reading his paper when his wife enters the house; she approaches him in a most provocative manner.  
"Have you ever seen a twenty dollar bill all crumpled up?" asks the wife in a soft voice.  
Not knowing what to make of this situation he replies "No."  
Pursing her lips she gives him a sexy little smile, reaches into her cleavage and slowly pulls out a crumpled twenty dollar bill.  
Then stepping in closer she asks in a low sexy voice. "Have you ever seen a fifty all crumpled up?"  
Intrigued he answers "Uh, no."  
"Now" she says as she leans down and whispers "Have you ever seen thirty thousand dollars all crumpled up?"  
Totally confused and excited he stammers "No-o-o-o."  
"Well" she whispers in his ear, "then go look in the garage....."*

Till next month,  
Regards,  
Keith (filling in for Michael.)

**WAGGA WAGGA GARDEN CITY PROBUS  
NEWSLETTER**



If unclaimed please return to:-  
PO Box 8608, Koorinal, 2650.  
PRINT POST No. 24731000028

Surface  
Mail

Postage  
Paid  
Wagga  
Wagga



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

Formed 26<sup>th</sup> August 1997

## NEWSLETTER for June, 2013

<b>President:</b> Joan Stone	69331604	<b>Welfare:</b> Bernice Piltz	69225262
<b>Vice President:</b> John Whiles	69261003	<b>Newsletter:</b> Michael Dowd	0428251002
<b>Secretary:</b> Barbara Fielder	69212808	<b>Hospitality:</b> Lynette Stakenburg	69265151
<b>Treasurer:</b> Peter Piltz	69225262	<b>Hospitality:</b> John Smit	69319727
<b>Past President:</b> Robyn	69218177	<b>Trips Organizer:</b> Maureen Nugent	69252994
<b>Public Officer:</b> Murray Aitken	69226362	<b>Activities:</b> Alcia Dowd	0477546427
<b>Membership:</b> Robyn Kirchner	69218177	<b>Programs:</b> Boyd Stone	69331604
<b>Secretary's e-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:fielderbe@bigpond.com">fielderbe@bigpond.com</a>		<b>Newsletter e-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:beakscourt@hotmail.com">beakscourt@hotmail.com</a>	

Mailing Address P.O. Box 8608 Koorringal 2650

### OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; 1.30 pm, Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2013: At The Netball Centre, Equex.

President Joan opened the meeting by welcoming the 59 members present, along with Jenny & Barry Briggs, & Sylvia Lowrey, who were our visitors for the day.

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

The Probus Prayer was read by Lyn Stackenburg, followed by Murray Aitken, who told of our trip to the Rex Pilot Academy and one of our members in the flight simulator, doing a perfect landing except she forgot to put the wheels down. He then followed with the fire evacuation procedures.

Bruce McAlister, our club story teller presented a piece, "*I can't believe we made it*", about the difference of the upbringing and activities that we enjoyed in our younger days, with the freedoms we had then, compared to now.

**Welfare:** Bernice reported that she had made a phone call to Joan Corbett who is recovering, although slowly, from her recent hip operation. There were no others on the sick list that Bernice knew of. If you know of anyone not well who you think would like a card or phone call, please let Bernice know.

**Membership:** Robyn introduced our new member, Judy Willis, who was then inducted into the club by President Joan, who presented her with the Probus badge and welcomed her to the club. Robyn reported that we now have 104 members and nearly all membership dues have been paid. (*If anyone has not paid their subs by the 30<sup>th</sup> June, their membership will lapse.*)

**Birthdays:** Our members who are celebrating their birthdays during July are, 8<sup>th</sup> Keith Bierne, 9<sup>th</sup> Milton Loiterton, 11<sup>th</sup> Joyce Harrison, 12<sup>th</sup> Des Gaynor, 14<sup>th</sup> Dell Bungay & Annette Gaynor, 24<sup>th</sup> Rita Moore, 31<sup>st</sup> Elaine Baker & Jean Pottie. Have a great day, keep warm and remember spring is on its way.

**Activities:** Maureen told the meeting of the very enjoyable visit to the Rex Pilot Academy, with the 45 who attended being shown the maintenance hanger, student accommodation, classrooms & flight simulator, then enjoying a very pleasant lunch in the student's dining room.

After lunch a number of members visited the RAAF museum.

The July lunch will be at the Pavilion Hotel/Motel in Kincaid Street, on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> July, from 12.00pm. Cost will be \$20.00 for soup, sandwiches, tea and coffee. Please let Alcia know early, for catering numbers to be advised to the venue.

Maureen also told of a group of members who went to the Silver Screen movie event at the cinema to see *Gone With The Wind*.

**Our Meeting Guest:** Was Amanda Long, introduced by Boyd Stone who said she had the voice of an angel.

Amanda, who is at University studying Nursing, enthralled the members with her lovely singing voice. Presenting “Could I Have This Dance & The Tennessee Waltz” by Anne Murray, “Forever And Ever”, by Randy Travis, “The Verandah”, by Tania Kernigan,” Top Of The World”, by The Carpenters and closed by singing “Be My Baby”, by the Ronnets.

Then the members wanted more, so Amanda finished with two requests, “The Rose”, by Bette Midler and “Remember When”, by Howard Justin. *(She really had the voice of an angel).*

**The Guest Speaker:** At the July Meeting will be Donna Goodwin, who will be speaking on what’s happening with the upgrade to the Wagga Base Hospital.

#### Probus Club Trips

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October:** A 3 day 2 night trip to visit the Mudgee- Gulgong area travelling with Priest’s Coaches. Cost is \$454 per person. 25 bookings have already been made. A flyer for this trip is available, Contact Pat McDonald on 69226175 or Jeanette Carroll on 69262342.

**Probus Club’s Friendship Day:** Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Cost will be \$20.00 per head for lunch. The venue will be the Mirage Room at the Wagga RSL Club with Gary Blacker, the PCSP Chairman, to be the Guest Speaker. Clubs from surrounding towns will be invited to attend. Names and money need to be in by 19<sup>th</sup> September. An information flyer will become available.

#### Afternoon tea roster for the July meeting.

Milton & Betty Loiterton, Gay Lucas, Ronda & Bill Lampe. If you are unable to assist please arrange for someone to take your place.

*Our teacher asked us what our favourite animal was, and I said, "Fried chicken." She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right, everyone else in the class laughed.*

*My parents told me to always be truthful and honest, and I am. Fried chicken is my favourite animal. I told my dad what happened, and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA. He said they love animals very much. I do, too. Especially chicken, pork and beef.*

*Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office. I told him what happened, and he laughed too. Then he told me not to do it again.*

*The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was. I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, just like she'd asked the other children. So I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken. She sent me back to the principal's office again. He laughed, and told me not to do it again.*

*I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am. Today, my teacher asked us to tell her what famous person we admire most. I told her, "Colonel Sanders".*

*Guess where I am now...*

Till Michael returns next month,  
Regards, Keith.

## WAGGA WAGGA GARDEN CITY PROBUS NEWSLETTER



If unclaimed please return to:-  
PO Box 8608, Koorinal, 2650.  
PRINT POST No. 24731000028

Surface  
Mail

Postage  
Paid  
Wagga  
Wagga





# PROBUS CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA GARDEN CITY

Formed 26<sup>th</sup> August 1997

NEWSLETTER for March, 2013

<b>President:</b> Joan Stone	69331604	<b>Welfare:</b> Bernice Piltz	69225262
<b>Vice President:</b> John Whiles	69261003	<b>Newsletter:</b> Michael Dowd	0428251002
<b>Secretary:</b> Barbara Fielder	69212808	<b>Hospitality:</b> Lynette Stakenburg	69265151
<b>Treasurer:</b> Peter Piltz	69225262	<b>Hospitality:</b> John Smit	69319727
<b>Past President:</b> Michael Dowd	0428251002	<b>Trips Organizer:</b> Maureen Nugent	69252994
<b>Public Officer:</b> Murray Aitken	69226362	<b>Activities:</b> Alcia Dowd	0477546427
<b>Membership:</b> Robyn Kirchner	69218177	<b>Programs:</b> Boyd Stone	69331604
<b>Secretary's e-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:fielderbe@bigpond.com">fielderbe@bigpond.com</a>		<b>Newsletter e-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:beakscourt@hotmail.com">beakscourt@hotmail.com</a>	

Mailing Address P.O.Box 8608 Koorringal 2650

**OUR NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday 27 August 2013 at the Netball Centre Equex.**

Vice President John opened the meeting in the absence of President Joan, who is luxuriating in a holiday resort, and welcomed the guests present. There were 25 apologies tendered from those unable to attend. The Probud prayer was read by Betty Loiterton, followed by Murray Aitken who instructed us as to how to depart from a burning building (without handbags).

Bruce McAlister then set the tone for the afternoon and brought back memories, by relating two gender balancing stories, "How to preserve husbands" and "the Apron."

President John then welcomed a new member Sylvia Lowrey to the club and inducted her after she was introduced to the members by Jenny Batten. Sylvia responded, saying that she was looking forward to getting to know everyone and to participating in Club activities. Welcome to Sylvia!

Peter then presented the treasurer's report, showing that we were still solvent. Peter also reminded any members who were unfinancial that membership fees for 2013/2014 were overdue and must be paid by the end of July.

**Welfare:** Bernice reported that she found it a little difficult to send a card to herself on the occasion of her recent hospitalisation, but thanked Secretary Barbara for stepping into the breach. She reported that she did send condolence cards to Robyn King and Elaine Baker, both of whom had suffered family bereavements, and a get well note to Joan Corbett. Warren Tulk is also now in hospital. Warren, we hope to see you about soon.

**Birthdays:** Members celebrating birthdays this month include 10 Joan Corbett and Robyn Kirchner, 11 Peter Bungay, 12 Anne Van Wel, 13 Ruth Davis, 14 Ellen Heinjus, 15 Joan Beirne, 16 Gwen Feruttrill, 20 Bernie Dempsey and 22 Gloria Beck. A productive month! Best wishes to you all and Spring is still coming.

**Activities:** Alcia reported that 16 people attended at the Pavilion last month for a tasty serve of soup, sandwiches and tea and coffee and those present had a relaxing and sociable time. The next lunch will be at the Thomas Blamey Hotel on Tuesday 13 August and the lamb's fry and bacon will be on the menu. Alcia also gave early information that the Christmas party would be at the

Garden Court Restaurant on Tuesday 12 December and that Amanda Long had been confirmed as our entertainer. Further details as to price, menus etc will be given at a later meeting.

**Trips:** Maureen was, as usual, as busy as ever. Details of some of the upcoming trips are:

1. Uranquinty Power House is on 18 September next. The inspection is booked out, but Maureen has a reserve list to replace any persons who pull out. Make your own way there and meet at the park opposite the Quinty bakehouse by 10.15 at the latest. The tour starts at 10.30. Afterwards, lunch at the Uranquinty Hotel at 12.30. Any persons just wishing to go to lunch are most welcome.
2. Silver Screen movies at Theatre featuring “The Ghost” on Wednesday 31 July at 10.30am. Lunch to follow.
3. For the diary! The Combined Probus Clubs Friendship Day will be on 31 October next at R.S.L. club—lunch at 12noon, cost \$20. The guest speaker will be the Chairman of the South Pacific group. Don’t miss!!
4. The combined 3 day Mudgee trip is booked out. All deposits should be paid (to Maureen) by 1 August.

**Martin’s Walking tours** continue, the next one on 30 August next, with a recovery coffee at the South Wagga Bakery. The walk-off commences at 8.30am, meet at 8.15. Martin also conducted the normal fine session, to augment Peter’s financial position. In response, Peter told us all about Little Larry.

**Guest Speaker:** Donna Goodwin, nurse, nurse educator, winner of a number of nursing awards and a coordinator of the work on the Base Hospital rebuild, gave us a most informative power point presentation on the current state of the Base redevelopment in general, and in particular on the new Mental Health Unit which will almost double the existing bed numbers, with state of the art facilities and an increase of staffing levels. The unit is due to open in October next, as the first completed stage of the redevelopment. Moral of the story: Yes, we are getting a new hospital!! Thanks and well done, Donna.

**Afternoon teas August roster;** Bruce and Heather McAlister, Judy McLarty, Rita and Arthur Moore.

Next meeting Tuesday 27 August, still at Equex Centre.

Until next month.....

*Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better  
To paint a picture or write a letter,  
Bake a cake or plant a seed,  
Ponder the difference between want and need?*

*Dust if you must, but there's not much time,  
With rivers to swim and mountains to climb,  
Music to hear and books to read,  
Friends to cherish and life to lead.*

WAGGA WAGGA GARDEN CITY PROBUS  
NEWSLETTER



Surface  
Mail

Postage  
Paid  
Wagga  
Wagga

If unclaimed please return to:-  
PO Box 8608, Koorringal, 2650.  
PRINT POST No. 24731000028



# PROBUS CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA GARDEN CITY

Formed 26<sup>th</sup> August 1997



NEWSLETTER for September, 2013

<b>President:</b> Joan Stone	69331604	<b>Welfare:</b> Bernice Piltz	69225262
<b>Vice President:</b> John Whiles	69261003	<b>Newsletter:</b> Michael Dowd	0428251002
<b>Secretary:</b> Barbara Fielder	69212808	<b>Hospitality:</b> Lynette Stakenburg	69265151
<b>Treasurer:</b> Peter Piltz	69225262	<b>Hospitality:</b> John Smit	69319727
<b>Past President:</b> Michael Dowd	0428251002	<b>Trips Organizer:</b> Maureen Nugent	69252994
<b>Public Officer:</b> Murray Aitken	69226362	<b>Activities:</b> Alcia Dowd	0477546427
<b>Membership:</b> Robyn Kirchner	69218177	<b>Programs:</b> Boyd Stone	69331604
<b>Secretary's e-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:fielderbe@bigpond.com">fielderbe@bigpond.com</a>		<b>Newsletter e-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:beakscourt@hotmail.com">beakscourt@hotmail.com</a>	

Mailing Address P.O.Box 8608 Koorinal 2650  
[www.waggamatters.com/index.html](http://www.waggamatters.com/index.html)

## OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday 22 October 2013

We welcomed 69 members and 1 guest to our first Spring meeting at the Equex Centre on a glorious afternoon last Tuesday and commiserated with the 21 members who indicated they were unable to be present. President Joan asked Ellen Poile to get the meeting underway by reading the Probud Prayer, which she did in her usual inimitable fashion.

The day's entertainment then began in earnest with Murray assuring us that it was not necessary to play netball (either with or without handbags) to comply with the fire drill, and Bruce McAlister reminding us of the proper protocols for hanging out the washing over years gone by (always on a Monday, of course.)

Barbara managed to find some minutes, notwithstanding the chaos of preparing to move house, which were duly approved. More seriously, she produced some correspondence from the NSW Government, masquerading under the name of "Service NSW" advising that lots of government departments were merging, and that you can now obtain driver licences, vehicle registrations, boating licences, birth, marriage and death certificates and owner builder permits (all for a fee of course) at a one stop shop to be temporarily located in Wollundry Chambers, 63-65 Johnston St. until mid November while the present motor registry is being renovated. I'm not quite sure why anyone would require all those certificates, but there you are.

Peter advised us that we were still solvent—indeed the only transaction taking place during September was the addition of 4c. interest. High finance indeed!

**WELFARE:** Bernice had a busy month, sending out sympathy or get well cards to Noreen Langtry, Rita and George Cameron, Nancy Dunn, the McLartys, Peter Meiklejohn (who is finally getting some joint relief) and Warren Tulk—it was good to see Warren at our last luncheon. Bernice also received thank you cards from Jan Taylor and the Camerons.

**BIRTHDAYS:** After the flood of September babies, October is something of a relief. Congratulations and best wishes go to Murray Aitken-2<sup>nd</sup>-, Ellen Poile -5<sup>th</sup>-, Robert Stackenburg -11<sup>th</sup>-, Margaret Johnston-12<sup>th</sup>-, Neil Harris -21<sup>st</sup>-, Betty Loiterton -23<sup>rd</sup>-, and Col Dunn -31<sup>st</sup>-. We hope you all have a lovely day and pay no attention to the actual number of years passed.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Robyn advised our total membership remains at 104—a healthy number but please always be on the lookout for future prospective members and guide them towards our

club, not just for the club's sake but for their own. Think of the number of new friends you have made since you became a member and the support you have received (or have been able to give) in times of need. Well worthwhile!! Robyn also confirmed that Norma Gray has consented to continue assisting Robyn with the numerical statistics but also as meeting day hostess , together with Jan Jones and Gay Lucas. Ladies, your efforts are appreciated.

**ACTIVITIES:** Alcia reported that it was reported to her in her absence that last month's lunch at the newly opened Royal Gardens was well up to standard, notwithstanding that one embarrassed patron forgot to pay and was seen to return somewhat shamefacedly some hours later to avoid an early arrest. Next month will be at the Golden Seasons on Tues 8<sup>th</sup> October. Numberwise, this seems to be our favourite restaurant, so come along and join the fun.

**CHRISTMAS IS JUST 90 DAYS AWAY-- OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY A MERE 75!!!**  
**COME AND JOIN THE FUN. The Christmas lunch will be held at the Garden Court restaurant on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 12 for 12.30.** This is our major social event for the year, don't miss it. Where else can you experience good company, excellent ambience and views, top class food, entertainment by particular request of our members and lots of extras, all for \$40 per head. Alcia will be collecting bookings and money (in a sealed envelope with your name on it please) at the October and November meetings.

**TRIPS;** Maureen reported a very successful day at Uranquinty Powerhouse and pub and this was supported by Lyn Stackenburg . Indeed, it was suggested this could be a suitable venue for a future Probus lunch. Maureen also reminded us of the friendship day on 31<sup>st</sup> October—numbers at this stage are a bit disappointing, so if you can make it let Maureen know asap--\$20 per head. Those going on the Mudgee trip leave from Collins Park at 7.30am on 8<sup>th</sup> October. The Mulwala Cruise is fully booked but reserves are being accepted—13<sup>th</sup> November, cost estimated at \$40 to \$45. Alex Macdonald indicated a possible future trip to Beechworth—more details later.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Boyd introduced Kym Witney-Soames ,who very obligingly stepped in at the last moment, and told us all about Geneology, a subject dear to the heart of many. Most instructive and I have no doubt inspired some of our members to action themselves. Many thanks, Kym! Our next speaker will be pharmacist Michael O'Reilly, but I am told he may well talk on his illustrious grandfather. An intriguing prospect.

**AFTERNOON TEAS ROSTER:** Our October washer-upperers will be Roy Possee, John and Jean Pottie and Bill and Dorothy Prest.

**NEXT MEETING :** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>.October, 1.30pm, still at Equex Centre.  
Until next month.....

**WRINKLIES WISDOM:**

If God had to give a woman wrinkles, He might at least have put them on the soles of her feet.

I'm not really wrinkled. I just took a nap on a chenille bedspread.

THE END

# PROBUS CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA GARDEN CITY

Formed 26<sup>th</sup> August 1997

NEWSLETTER for November 2013



<b>President:</b> Joan Stone	69331604	<b>Welfare:</b> Bernice Piltz	69225262
<b>Vice President:</b> John Whiles	69261003	<b>Newsletter:</b> Michael Dowd	0428251002
<b>Secretary:</b> Barbara Fielder	69212808	<b>Hospitality:</b> Lynette Stakenburg	69265151
<b>Treasurer:</b> Peter Piltz	69225262	<b>Hospitality:</b> John Smit	69319727
<b>Past President:</b> Michael Dowd	0428251002	<b>Trips Organizer:</b> Maureen Nugent	69252994
<b>Public Officer:</b> Murray Aitken	69226362	<b>Activities:</b> Alcia Dowd	0477546427
<b>Membership:</b> Robyn Kirchner	69218177	<b>Programs:</b> Boyd Stone	69331604
<b>Secretary's e-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:fielderbe@bigpond.com">fielderbe@bigpond.com</a>		<b>Newsletter e-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:beakscourt@hotmail.com">beakscourt@hotmail.com</a>	

Mailing Address P.O.Box 8608 Koorungal 2650

[www.waggamatters.com/index.html](http://www.waggamatters.com/index.html)

**OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday 26 November 2013**

President Joan opened the meeting by welcoming the 54 members present and a pleasing total of 8 visitors. There were 26 apologies. We hope to be able to welcome at least some of those visitors as future members of our Club in due course.

Robyn Kirchner was pressed into service with the Probud prayer which she delivered in her inimitable style and Deputy Fire Chief Keith Beck (standing in for Murray who was an apology) told us all where to go. We missed the homespun humour of Bruce McAlister, who was also an apology for the day.

Barbara's minutes were (for once) easily locatable and, with the correspondence were presented by her to the meeting and duly accepted. Peter told us we were in credit to the extent of \$4894.70 and we quickly accepted that as being true and correct.

**WELFARE:** Ray Grant continues to be below par, but fights on valiantly and it was pleasing to see him at the Friendship Day lunch. Indeed, if Fay and Ray had not been there your editor would have been sitting at the very back of a very large room in solitary splendour with only the barman for company. Thanks, Fay and Ray! Barb Fielder also, although at the meeting attended under difficulties, as she had received treatment for a detached retina. The treatment was not immediately successful, and is now ongoing. We wish Barb a successful and rapid conclusion to these hassles.

**BIRTHDAYS:** We extend greetings, best wishes and felicitations to our November and December boys and girls: **NOVEMBER** 6<sup>th</sup> Janice Vrolyks, 11<sup>th</sup> Michael Dowd, 22<sup>nd</sup> John Vrolyks and 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. **DECEMBER:** 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. MANY HAPPY RETURNS, ALL.

**TRIPS:** Noting the time of the year, Maureen advised that trips were slowing as members' social Agendas were increasing. The day trip to Mulwala on 13<sup>th</sup> November is fully booked. The bus will leave from Fox Street at 7.45 sharp. All moneys (\$45) to Maureen please if not already paid. Further surprises will be revealed in January.

**FRIENDSHIP DAY:** An enjoyable social gathering held at the R.S.L. Club and attended by over 240 members, drawn both from Wagga clubs and Clubs from surrounding Riverina districts. This was in sharp contrast to the meagre numbers attending in 1912. So far as our Club is concerned our thanks and appreciation go to Peter and Maureen, two of the principal organisers both before the event and on the day. Also in attendance was Garry Blackler, the President of our controlling body Probus South Pacific Inc . As guest speaker he spoke primarily on the Constitution and in so doing, answered a number of queries that were worrying some of our members. You may recall in late 2012 Probus South Pacific proposed some amendments to the Constitution. One of these had to do with combining in the one meeting (the annual meeting ) the election of the committee and the taking up by the new committee of their duties thus abolishing the normal next month changeover meeting and associated celebrations. Our Club (together with some other Wagga clubs) wanted to retain the status quo. On 27th November 2012 we passed a motion recommending to Probus South Pacific accordingly. Probus South Pacific did not approve this amendment and the new constitution as recommended originally was adopted by Probus South Pacific. This Constitution thus applies to all clubs. Mr. Blackler did say, however, that the Constitution was only intended to act as a guide to clubs and if we wished to continue separating the annual meeting and the handover day, we were free to do so.

The Common Seal is a non issue.. It is optional, because it would be rarely used. In any event, our Secretary has discovered we do possess one.

**ACTIVITIES:** The next lunch will be at the Tolland Hotel on Tues 12th November. Any late bookings and cancellations to Alcia as usual. Details of the January lunch will be available at the next meeting

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** The Committee in general and Alcia in particular have been bitterly disappointed in the response of members to date. At last count we had 19 acceptances and we need a minimum of 25 to meet our obligations at the Garden Court. All persons who have indicated their acceptance and anyone else who is now prepared or able to go should put their \$40 in an envelope with their name on the outside and give to Treasurer Peter before or at our next meeting. Alcia will be an apology at that meeting but will be back the next day and will finalise arrangements with the Garden Court (hopefully successfully, but that is really up to you!)

**GUEST SPEAKER :** Our guest speaker was local pharmacist Michael O'Reilly who, much to the delight of cricket lovers, and I am sure to the interest of the others, told us all about his grandfather, the legendary Bill O'Reilly. Boyd has certainly managed to organise a varied and interesting lot of speakers!

Afternoon teas for November will be hopefully served by Pam Whiles, Norma Steward, the birthday twins Janice and John Vrolyks and Ruth and John Walker.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 26th –NOVEMBER 2013.

WAGGA WAGGA GARDEN CITY PROBUS  
NEWSLETTER



Surface  
Mail

Postage  
Paid  
Wagga  
Wagga

If unclaimed please return to:-  
PO Box 8608, Koorringal, 2650.  
PRINT POST No. 24731000028



## PROBUS CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA GARDEN CITY

Formed 26<sup>th</sup> August 1997

NEWSLETTER for December 2013

<b>President:</b> Joan Stone	69331604	<b>Welfare:</b> Bernice Piltz	69225262
<b>Vice President:</b> John Whiles	69261003	<b>Newsletter:</b> Michael Dowd	0428251002
<b>Secretary:</b> Barbara Fielder	69212808	<b>Hospitality:</b> Lynette Stakenburg	69265151
<b>Treasurer:</b> Peter Piltz	69225262	<b>Hospitality:</b> John Smit	69319727
<b>Past President:</b> Michael Dowd	0428251002	<b>Trips Organizer:</b> Maureen Nugent	69252994
<b>Public Officer:</b> Murray Aitken	69226362	<b>Activities:</b> Alcia Dowd	0477546427
<b>Membership:</b> Robyn Kirchner	69218177	<b>Programs:</b> Boyd Stone	69331604
<b>Secretary's e-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:fielderbe@bigpond.com">fielderbe@bigpond.com</a>		<b>Newsletter e-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:beakscourt@hotmail.com">beakscourt@hotmail.com</a>	

Mailing Address P.O.Box 8608 Koorinal 2650  
[www.waggamatters.com/index.html](http://www.waggamatters.com/index.html)

### OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2014

President Joan welcomed those present and also a pleasing number of guests, including Beverley Cook, Ann Palmer, Barry and Sonya Williams, Patsy and John Hassell, Joan Cahill, Eileen Turner, Helen Brill, Di Henschman and at least 2+ others. We would hope that at least some of those guests may be sufficiently inspired to continue on and become members in due course. Robyn confirmed that following the induction of Joan Cahill at our next meeting, our membership will reach 105.

The Probud Prayer was delivered by Joan Beirne in her usual inimitable style before we were entertained with yet more of Bruce McAlister's "Thoughts of the Day". Murray Aitken then told us how to escape from a burning building. Peter informed us that we continued to be solvent, with a present balance of \$4867.74 and Barbara tabled the October minutes, which were adopted without question, although no one was actually seen reading them.

**WELFARE:** Bernice reported on our various temporarily indisposed members, Barbara who left her dark room to be present, but may still require more eye surgery, and Neil Harris and Noreen Langtry both of whom have had troubles during the course of the month. We send you all get well greetings.

**TRIPS:** Maureen reported a light hearted and successful day at Mulwala which included a luncheon boat excursion. By coincidence, the Howlong Probud Club were also on the boat. Never one to miss an opportunity, Maureen promptly organised with Howlong to have a joint get together and luncheon at the Rock hotel in February next. More details to follow. Maureen also wants us to keep in mind there will be a "silver screen" outing at the theatre on 8 December next. Enquiries to Maureen.

**ACTIVITIES:** In Alcia's absence, and after some discussion, it was determined to proceed with the Christmas party at the Garden Court as previously arranged. The numbers have now swelled to 41 (plus two Guests). This should ensure an enjoyable afternoon—12 for 12.30. In addition to the set menu there will be door prizes, drinks (soft), and various combinations of sweets and treats. Alcoholic beverages will be available at the bar.

The next ordinary lunch will be at 12 noon at the Golden Seasons restaurant on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** The November guest speaker was John Egan, a Rotarian who spoke on Rotary International's "Shelter Box" program. This involves the collection and boxed storage of essential items in the event of any International emergency to provide for people made homeless as a result of the emergency. A gentle reminder also that singer Amanda Long has been engaged to entertain us at the Christmas party.

**BIRTHDAYS: Double-up this newsletter:**

**December:**

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.

**January:**

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 Kendall, Martin Kendall, 25<sup>th</sup>. Joan Taylor.

Many happy returns to all of you – may there be many more.

**WALKERS:** Martin advises the next walking excursion is from Collins Park on Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> December: if you have missed that one and still need to work off some pre-Christmas, there is a further one organised for 18<sup>th</sup> December from South Wagga Bakery. Both start at 8.30 and all are welcome.

**AFTERNOON TEA ROSTER FOR 28 JANUARY:** Judy Willis, Rita Wilson, Malcolm Alexander, Ann Peacock and Elaine Baker.

**MAY YOU ALL HAVE A HAPPY  
AND HEALTHY CHRISTMAS WITH  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND WE LOOK  
FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE IN  
2014 !!!!!**

WAGGA WAGGA GARDEN CITY PROBUS  
NEWSLETTER



Surface  
Mail

Postage  
Paid  
Wagga  
Wagga

If unclaimed please return to:-  
PO Box 8608, Koorringal, 2650.  
PRINT POST No. 24731000028



# PROBUS CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA GARDEN CITY

Formed 26<sup>th</sup> August 1997

NEWSLETTER for January 2014



<b>President:</b> Joan Stone	69331604	<b>Welfare:</b> Bernice Piltz	69225262
<b>Vice President:</b> John Whiles	69261003	<b>Newsletter:</b> Michael Dowd	0428251002
<b>Secretary:</b> Barbara Fielder	69212808	<b>Hospitality:</b> Lynette Stakenburg	69265151
<b>Treasurer:</b> Peter Piltz	69225262	<b>Hospitality:</b> John Smit	69319727
<b>Past President:</b> Michael Dowd	0428251002	<b>Trips Organizer:</b> Maureen Nugent	69252994
<b>Public Officer:</b> Murray Aitken	69226362	<b>Activities:</b> Alcia Dowd	0477546427
<b>Membership:</b> Robyn Kirchner	69218177	<b>Programs:</b> Boyd Stone	69331604
<b>Secretary's e-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:fielderbe@bigpond.com">fielderbe@bigpond.com</a>		<b>Newsletter e-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:beakscourt@hotmail.com">beakscourt@hotmail.com</a>	

Mailing Address P.O.Box 8608 Koorinal 2650

[www.waggamatters.com/index.html](http://www.waggamatters.com/index.html)

**OURNEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday 25 February 2014**

## **WELCOME TO 2014-MAY IT BE A HEALTHY, HAPPY AND FRIENDLY YEAR FOR ALL**

President Joan welcomed all and sundry to our meeting, the all consisting of 55 members present together with a very welcome 9 guests. The sundry presumably applied to the 22 apologies and others who were unable to be present for a variety of reasons. In particular, Joan welcomed Joan Cahill and inaugurated her as the Club's newest member. Joan was introduced by Maureen Nugent and delivered a gracious reply to the presidential welcome.

The Probud prayer was read in her usual accomplished fashion by Dorothy Prest, following which we were entertained by Bruce McAlister with his version of a happy marriage, based on social, intellectual and responsible equality of the parties (or was that inequality ???). In any event, at least half the audience enjoyed it immensely. Murray Aitken introduced the guests (indeed all of us) to his common sense fire drill—if the fire is to your right go out the left hand door and vice versa. He will collect the handbags. Peter very cunningly combined his treasurer's reports for November and December into one, thus saving at least one small tree. It appears the net result is that we still have \$4383 in kitty. Barbara's minutes were as usual, accurate and concise (at least we think so). There was no correspondence of significance, everyone being too busy with Christmas, and in any event it was too hot to write letters.

**WELFARE:** Bernice reported the death of John Walker's sister, who had nevertheless survived to age 101. Our sympathies are with John. Peter Meiklejohn has finally had his orthopaedic surgery and is presently having rehab. We wish him a speedy recovery after his long and frustrating wait.

**TRIPS:** Maureen reported a lessening activity in this field what with the heat and other interruptions. The Silver Screen showing of "gentlemen prefer blondes" was well attended and enjoyed (probably for at least the second time) by those present. The proposed trip to the Rock with the Howlong Club has been postponed to Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April and will replace the ordinary April lunch which would otherwise have been on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Maureen is taking bookings for lunch at the Rock Hotel now. Other trips in the pipeline are to Darlington Point and to the Goulburn area. More later!

**ACTIVITIES:** Alcia reported on the success of the Christmas Party at the Garden Court. The 44 who were present thoroughly enjoyed the social nature of the get together with entertainment from Amanda Long. Congratulations to the lucky door prize winners. January's lunch was at the Golden Seasons with an attendance of about 30 recoverees following Christmas. The February lunch (on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>.) will be at the Thirsty Crow so that we can try their beer tasters (or anything else if that doesn't grab you).

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Boyd introduced as the guest speaker Merv Marsh who gave us an enthralling account of his working life as a pilot/engineer in aviation, beginning with the Royal Flying Doctor Service and ending in Wagga with Kendall and Rex. It is always fascinating to listen to someone so immersed and in love with his occupation. A clever and lucky man!

Next month Boyd has arranged as speaker, Graham Hornibrook, who will not talk about death and funerals, but about another of his pet subjects, the Panama Canal. Sounds interesting.

**GENERAL:** President Joan raised the following items for our attention or information:

- a) Following the talk by Rotarian John Egan in November it appears that two members of our club, entirely voluntarily donated an amount of \$500 to the Shelter Box program. Well done—you know who you are.
- b) Kurrajong Waratah are looking for volunteers to man their raffle ticket stands in the marketplace and at Myers for short periods in the next month or so. Could any volunteers please contact Allan Davis on 69266651. Thanks!!
- c) Don't forget applications for our committee must be given to the secretary by our next meeting. It is clear there will be a number of vacancies to be filled and new blood would be most welcome. If you require any information as to what your duties might be, Joan, Barbara or Peter are the people to contact.

**BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY:** 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> Ann Peacock.

**FEBRUARY AFTERNOON TEA ROSTER: Jenny Batten, Gloria Beck, Joy and Keith Beck, Joan Byrne.**

### VAGARIES OF THE LAW

It's illegal to make liquor privately and to make water publicly.

The accused in the dock said; "as God is my judge I am not guilty"  
The Magistrate replied; He's not. I am you are. Three years."

Judge: "Can't you settle this out of Court?"

Accused: "that's what we were doing when the police interfered."



# PROBUS CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA GARDEN CITY

Graham

NEWSLETTER for December 2013

<b>President:</b> Joan Stone	69331604	<b>Welfare:</b> Bernice Piltz	69225262
<b>Vice President:</b> John Whiles	69261003	<b>Newsletter:</b> Michael Dowd	0428251002
<b>Secretary:</b> Barbara Fielder	69212808	<b>Hospitality:</b> Lynette Stakenburg	69265151
<b>Treasurer:</b> Peter Piltz	69225262	<b>Hospitality:</b> John Smit	69319727
<b>Past President:</b> Michael Dowd	0428251002	<b>Trips Organizer:</b> Maureen Nugent	69252994
<b>Public Officer:</b> Murray Aitken	69226362	<b>Activities:</b> Alcia Dowd	0477546427
<b>Membership:</b> Robyn Kirchner	69218177	<b>Programs:</b> Boyd Stone	69331604
<b>Secretary's e-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:fielderbe@bigpond.com">fielderbe@bigpond.com</a>		<b>Newsletter e-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:beakscourt@hotmail.com">beakscourt@hotmail.com</a>	

Mailing Address P.O.Box 8608 Koorinal 2650  
[www.waggamatters.com/index.html](http://www.waggamatters.com/index.html)

**OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014.**

**HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY GEORGE. George Cameron will be celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday in April. To celebrate this historic occasion, George and Rita will be holding an open day at their home at 20 Freybourg St. Ashmont on TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL next from 10am to 10pm. All are welcome to drop in at any time on that day and George hopes to see lots of his Probian friends. Put it in your calendar, folks!!!!**

President Joan opened the meeting on a lovely (if somewhat warm) afternoon by welcoming the excellent rollup of 70 members present together with 5 guests. In addition, she inducted 3 new members, Janet Terry and John and Patsy Hassall who were introduced by their respective proposers. We wish Janet, John and Patsy the best of times in our club and that they enjoy the fellowship and friendship that we have all experienced. These new members now bring our total membership to a healthy 107.

After the reading of the Probus prayer in her usual efficient manner by Janice Vrolyks (after all she was given 30 seconds to prepare) we were baffled and bemused by Bruce McAlister's Postage Stamp riddle, just to start us thinking for the day. The thinking didn't last for long as we dropped off into our usual torpor while Murray regaled us with a description of the fire doors, Barbara trustingly and successfully moved the adoption of the January minutes and Peter told us that despite the Christmas party we still had money.

**WELFARE:** Bernice reported on our current not-too-well members, Ray Grant, Warren Tulk, Colin Dunn and Judy and Jim McLarty, advising that she had sent get-well messages and noted the thankful replies. There was better news for Arthur Moore, who has received the all-clear from his doctor and is now once more looking happily to the future.

**TRIPS:** As usual, Maureen has been busy, and indeed so will we all if we accompany her on her various excursions.

- a) 17 March: Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with morning tea at the Leprachaun coffee shop 10am--\$8.50 per head. People of Irish extraction particularly welcome.
- b) 28 March: A taste of incarceration at the Junee Gaol followed by lunch (if you are released in time) at the Junee Hotel, with afters, if desired, at the Licorice Factory. Commencing 9am and finishing goodness knows when. Maureen will provide details re transport, cost etc upon request. Numbers limited to 40. Final details at our next meeting.
- c) 16<sup>th</sup> April **-WEDNESDAY-** the long promised lunch with Howlong Probus, to be held at The Rock Memorial Bowling Club commencing 12noon. We will travel in our own cars. Anyone requiring a lift please contact Maureen.

Maureen also advised of other combined Probus plans; Day trip to Bright on 30th April, Goulburn and district 19-21 September, proposed trip to Jenolan Caves-no date as yet set, 2night trip to

Melbourne for the Melbourne Cup, Cruise in the ms. Volendam to Tasmania commencing 16<sup>th</sup> November. Lots..of goodies!!

**ACTIVITIES:** Alcia reported a good and thirsty attendance for the Thirsty Crow at the February lunch. About 24 in attendance, a good proportion of whom tried the malted beverages. The next lunch will be at the Commercial Club on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March next. A reminder that the April lunch will be our joint meeting with Holbrook at the Rock (see Maureen's report, above).

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Boyd introduced our guest speaker, Graham Hornibrook, who surprised and delighted most of us by not talking about death or funerals, but rather took us on a trip through the Panama Canal, with an accompanying historical perspective. Different, and most interesting. Our next speaker will be member Joan Cahill, who is keeping us in suspense, at least for the time, as to her topic for the day.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** Joan reminded us that the March meeting will be our annual meeting and is still looking for nominations for next year's committee. Whilst nominations were due by the last meeting, I'm sure Joan would accept any given to her before the commencement of the annual meeting. Elections (if necessary) and appointments to various positions will be finalised on that day. The following meeting (April) will be our changeover meeting and invitations will be sent to all other Probus clubs in Wagga. Afternoon tea on that day will be contract catered and there will be a cost of \$5.00 for our members, but not for any guests. Similarly, we will receive invites to the other Clubs' changeovers and Joan will be looking for members to represent us at those meetings.

**BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH:** 5<sup>th</sup>. Patsy Hassall, 8<sup>th</sup>. Karin Pettitt, 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. Many happy returns to all of you!!  
Let us also not forget our photogenic couple Fay and Ray Grant who recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup>. Wedding anniversary. My, didn't they make a fine looking couple!!!

**MARCH AFTERNOON TEA ROSTER:** Keith Byrne, Del and Peter Bungay, George and Rita Cameron.

### VAGARIES OF THE LAW

The judge called the court to order to make a serious announcement. He said he had been bribed \$2000 by the defendant and \$3000 by the plaintiff.  
"This is a serious matter and I have given it earnest consideration", he said "I've decided to return \$1000 to the plaintiff and judge the case on its merits".

The judge, he populates the city gaols,  
By grave decisions, heads or tails.

The Melbourne lawyer received a fax from his partner representing a client in Sydney. It read "Justice has prevailed"  
The Melbourne man faxed back a message "Appeal at once".

WAGGA WAGGA GARDEN CITY PROBUS  
NEWSLETTER



Surface  
Mail

Postage  
Paid  
Wagga  
Wagga

If unclaimed please return to:-  
PO Box 8608, Koorringal, 2650.  
PRINT POST No. 24731000028



## PROBUS CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA GARDEN CITY

Formed 26<sup>th</sup> August 1997



### NEWSLETTER for April 2014

<b>President:</b> Joan Stone	69331604	<b>Welfare:</b> Bernice Piltz	69225262
<b>Vice President:</b> John Whiles	69261003	<b>Newsletter:</b> Michael Dowd	0428251002
<b>Secretary:</b> Barbara Fielder	69212808	<b>Hospitality:</b> Lynette Stakenburg	69265151
<b>Treasurer:</b> Peter Piltz	69225262	<b>Hospitality:</b> John Smit	69319727
<b>Past President:</b> Michael Dowd	0428251002	<b>Trips Organizer:</b> Maureen Nugent	69252994
<b>Public Officer:</b> Murray Aitken	69226362	<b>Activities:</b> Alcia Dowd	0477546427
<b>Membership:</b> Robyn Kirchner	69218177	<b>Programs:</b> Boyd Stone	69331604
<b>Secretary's e-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:fielderbe@bigpond.com">fielderbe@bigpond.com</a>		<b>Newsletter e-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:beakscourt@hotmail.com">beakscourt@hotmail.com</a>	

Mailing Address P.O.Box 8608 Koorinal 2650  
[www.waggamatters.com/index.html](http://www.waggamatters.com/index.html)

**OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at Equex Centre**

**WELCOME EVERYBODY to this our last newsletter for the old probus year, or our first for the new, or both, depending on your point of view.**

The most important aspect of our last get together was the Annual General Meeting, so here are the highlights.

President Joan, after opening the meeting, presented her annual report, reflecting on the last 12 months, thanking everyone for their support, and committee members for their enthusiasm and efficiency during the year. Our treasurer Peter retired in a blaze of glory with a final year balance of \$4420.76 plus sundry petty cash and secretary Barbara enthused that her recently completed minutes would be her last. Our congrats go to the executive for their hard work and worry over the period.

Murray Aitken, our statutory Public Officer, then took the chair for the election of office bearers for the coming year. The results were as follows:

President: John Whiles.  
Past President: Joan Stone.  
Vice President : Lyn Stackenburg.  
Secretary: Judy Willis.  
Treasurer: Robyn Kirchner.  
Programmes/Guest Speakers: Norma Gray.  
Welfare: Bernice Piltz.  
Membership: Pam Whiles.  
Newsletter: Peter Piltz.  
Lunches: Peter Meiklejohn.  
Hospitality: John and Rita Smit.  
Trips Organiser to be advised.  
Those members will be inducted at our handover meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup>. April next.

We congratulate those new and continuing Board members, and thank the retiring members, Joan, Barbara, Maureen, Boyd, Alcia and Michael for their last (and indeed previous) years of service.

We consider it appropriate also, to record our thanks to those outside the committee who have assisted over the year in enlivening our meetings on a regular basis: furniture mover and tea infuser John Smit (ably assisted by Rita), our Fire expert Murray Aitken, our walker and general sergeant at arms Martin

Kendall, our storyteller Bruce McAlister, our various prayer readers, all those who assisted with afternoon teas, our hosts and hostesses, Uncle Tom Coble and all.

Various invitations have been sent and received for our and other clubs' handover meetings and we look forward to welcoming our visitors. A gentle reminder that our handover afternoon tea will be catered by the Yathella—Coursing Park CWA, so no rostered people will be required, in lieu thereof the Club would like to relieve you of \$5.

There were a number of matters of note from the ordinary meeting deserving of your attention, viz:

1. The luncheon trip to the Rock has been cancelled as the Howlong group were unavailable on this day. In lieu, we will now have a normal lunch on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at the Bridge Hotel (opp. Knight's Butchers). Don't forget, that day is also George Cameron's birthday (open day at his house 10 am to 10 pm) so perhaps you can combine the two. Booking or apologies to Alcia as normal for lunch, but for the last time.

2. Thanks to our guest speaker, new member and poet Joan Cahill who took us on a most interesting verbal tour of the Wagga Art Gallery. It is hoped our next guest speaker will be Dr. Joe McGirr giving us the rundown on Rural Doctor Training in our area.

3. Birthdays for the month: 2<sup>nd</sup>. Rita Wilson, 8<sup>th</sup> George Cameron, 10<sup>th</sup>. Jennifer Batten and Judy Willis, 15<sup>th</sup>. Pam Whiles, 19<sup>th</sup>. Norma Steward, John Pottie. Many happy returns to you all!!!

4. Welcome to new members Helen and Jeff Brill who were inducted into the Club last meeting. May you enjoy our fellowship and friendship. Our current membership is 109, with Cecelia Irons to be introduced at our next meeting.

Might I indulge myself for one final time and harass you on the subject dear to all our hearts, health.

“Now I'm over 60 the doctor says I should go out and get more fresh air and exercise. I said “all right , I'll drive with the car window open””.

Getting out of hospital is a bit like resigning from a book club. You're not out of it unless the computer says you're out of it.

I'm at an age when my back goes out more than I do.

My mother is over 80, and still doesn't need glasses. Drinks right out of the bottle.

**FAREWELL AND THANKS FOR THE PATRONAGE.**