



Probus Club of Wagga Wagga Garden City

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NEXT MEETING 1:30pm FEBRUARY 28, 2023 at the Seniors Community Centre

Hi All, Welcome back to a new year of Probus Fellowship and Friendship. I hope you all had a Happy Christmas and all the best wishes for the New Year, and hope you are planning exciting things to do, places to go in 2023.

The Club have several activities planned which you will read about in this newsletter. With the new year we are thinking re Management Committee positions. All positions are open and your participation in the Management Committee would be very much appreciated to assist in the smooth running of our Club, and very rewarding for you personally. So put your thinking caps on and talk among your friends and see what position you would be comfortable working in. (no past experience necessary).



Helen

NOTE because our scheduled April meeting clashes with ANZAC Day we will now meet a week earlier, on Tuesday April 18.

WELFARE REPORT

A sympathy card has been sent to Barry Williams on the passing of Sonia and he contacted me to acknowledge the support he had received from members.

A Sympathy card is being sent to Annette Gaynor on the passing of Des and a number of our members will be at his funeral tomorrow.

Boyd Stone has had a trip to hospital and his condition is still being investigated.

On a happier note, John Smit celebrated his 80th birthday on January 18.

Dell



We pray for our members who need support. Look after our members who are sick or suffering, or who have lost a loved one, and give them the comfort of knowing that we care. Amen

If you know of members needing support please contact Dell Bungay. Dell's mobile is 0420 617 804.

Annual Fees: With a rise in our capitation fees this year, after discussion the committee has raised fees to \$40 per person. We would appreciate it if you could bring your money in an envelope starting from next meeting. Please ensure that you have the correct amount as the treasurer doesn't carry change so on the envelope put your name, amount and what it is for.

If you prefer to use internet banking, our bank details are:
Name: Probus Club of Wagga Wagga
A/c No: 111 263 499
BSB No: 640 000

Wagga Wagga Garden City Probus Club welcomes both women and men. As normality returns post COVID we are in a position to accept new members. Come as a visitor to a meeting to find out if our club has what you are looking for.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2nd Peter Piltz

6th Jeff Brill

12th Bill van Wel 17th Chris Fitzgerald 21st Helen McGarry



Wednesday January 4 was our first get together when we shared morning tea at Collins Park. Bringing our own chairs, hot water for tea or coffee and a small plate of food to share made for a delightful way to start 2023. As quite often happens there was an abundance of food and the ladies ensured that we didn't miss out as they brought around the tempting delights.

LUNCHESS NEWS: The most common comment at the January lunch was, "How great it is to see Barry here with us today and the same applies to Heather McAlister." Their presence symbolised the value of understanding that Probus is like an extension of family where we can feel comfortable in each other's presence.



Probably the only downside of our gathering at the Turvey Tavern for that lunch was the noise. However on reflection the noise we heard was the healthy sound of good friends talking, and that is a healthy thing to acknowledge.

OUR NEXT LUNCH will be at 12:00pm on Tuesday February 7 at The Thomas Blamey Hotel, Lake Albert. We are looking forward to seeing you there. *Gay & Audrey*

TRIPS NEWS: Di has had a few people needing to pull out but she has also had new acceptances for the 3-day, 2-night trip to Bendigo/Ballarat from March 7 to 9, 2023. Those going are assured of seeing some iconic places and sharing the adventure with people who are anxious to see these popular Australian locations.



Sovereign Hill, is a living museum presenting the story of Ballarat as a goldrush boomtown. Your history books will show that gold was discovered in Ballarat in the 1850s.

There are still vacancies so if you find that you would like to come call Di on 0413 955 047.

Expression of Interest for Thursday March 30. I am looking at a day-trip to the Rutherglen/Milawa area and thinking about the cheese factory and a winery. Will look at possibly a lunch at Brown Brothers depending on price.

Di

It's great to see so many people sharing in our lunches and trips, but the success of our club can only be ensured if people are happy and prepared to become members. The insurance that comes with membership and how it applies is part of your fees. For this reason attendance at meetings is limited to three visits maximum for visitors. I personally think that we can make what I proclaim to be already a great club an even better one. Do you have suggestions to achieve this end, we would love to hear them. In a couple of months we will be looking to the annual elections. This is your opportunity to take on a responsibility and get the pleasure of contributing to our ongoing success. Don't feel that you are inadequate when looking at the various positions, remember most of us were novices when we initially held our hand up to accept nomination.

You will be surprised just how much of a difference you can make, and as you spend more time in a position you will learn and grow with the experience.