



WINDSOR PROBUS CLUB

Newsletter

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Presidents Message: -September 2026.

We're springing into Spring! Welcome to the September newsletter. Early September saw a few of the management committee attend two Probus events organised by PAQ. The first was an informal gathering of local northern suburb Probus clubs, where we met committee members from the Stafford, Everton Park, Red Hill/Ithaca, The Gap, Arana Hills, Albany Creek, New Farm, Sandgate and Carseldine clubs. We had opportunity to share ideas for activities and discuss challenges that many Probus clubs have in common. Friday's meeting involved a gathering of 170 committee members from across SE Qld, covering some of the formal requirements for administration of clubs, as well as new programs available to support clubs in their administration. It was a great opportunity to talk with committee members from other clubs sharing ideas and resources. Many clubs are well established with large memberships. They also face similar challenges to newer clubs, with retaining members and recruiting new committee members being high on everyone's agenda. It was an inspiring and encouraging session, with new ways to support and simplify club management and new activities and outing suggestions.

2 items that will be brought to the next meeting for review are our Standing orders and Code of Conduct- highlighted as being important that we keep these current and owned by all members.

Thank you to Fred Black who was the willing subject for our August Member moment. We are all impressed in Fred's verve for life, especially his second place in the Master's 2,000m Steeplechase! Who will be next month's volunteer ???

15 Probians enjoyed a very interesting excursion to the Port of Brisbane. I was surprised at the amount of shipping traffic goes through our port! We had a great information session and opportunity to see the port from the top floor of the Port building before hopping on a bus for a scenic tour of the port. After the tour, we enjoyed a lovely lunch again from the top floor of the building, with great views of the bay and port. Thanks again to Mary for organizing a most enjoyable outing.

Please visit and share our Facebook page can which can be accessed through searching for Windsor Probus Club Qld, Please "Like" and follow us to increase our presence in the local community. Adding photos of club's activities to the Facebook page will keep it fresh and interesting, so please contact either myself, Graham or Terry if you have any photos of Probus activities so we can add them to the page.

Thank you's also go to Jim and Hillary for hosting a most enjoyable Men's Coffee Morning on the 1st Wednesday of September, attended by 7 merry men. This month we also launched our regular coffee and chat mornings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

We are hoping to introduce more activities on different days, to accommodate the different commitments that member share. So, drum roll.. we will start in October with 2nd Thursday of the month for a games morning, including beginner Mahjong (learner's welcome) and other games such as scrabble, 5 crowns, quirkle – the possibilities are endless! We have received permission to use the Windsor Croquet clubhouse for the cost of \$5 per person. It's never going to be possible to find dates and times that suit everyone, and I'm very open to members organising activities on other days to allow as many of our members to participate, just run it by the committee meeting first to ensure we are covered by Probus insurance. Please check the Activities Board further in the newsletter for details.



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**We're all part of the
Probus Community
Now let's have fun with
some exciting activities.**

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

**Friday 25th September
9.30 for 10am
Windsor Community
Centre**

**57 Grafton St Windsor
Apologies To:**

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I have a family commitment next general meeting, so Annette will be running the meeting, and Sue and Madonna will supply morning tea as Allison and Terry enjoy the delights of NZ. See you all in October if not before at another activity, hopefully many of you at coffee.

“Probus: Where Good Times and Great Friends Meet!”

Teresa Emblen

C M Berghofer Centre QLD Institute of Medical Research

Herston Rd Herston

Friday 16th October at 10am

We will head behind the scenes and take a peek at where the breakthroughs happen.

- step into the buzz of a working laboratory and witness research in action
- hear about the latest advancements in medical science
- connect with researchers and have an opportunity to ask questions
- learn about QIMR Berghofer's uniquely Queensland history
- enjoy a light morning tea

This tour will be limited to 20 participants and the venue for lunch is still to be decided.



Guest Speakers Schedule

September – Robert Price

Topic- The History of Windsor

Robert is the secretary of the Windsor Historical Society and has extensive knowledge, records and photos of the history of the area in which we all live and meet. Come and learn some more about how Windsor came to exist and develop.

October - Stephen Proust

Topic – Our Feathered Friends

Stephen is a prior CEO of a bio-security research centre, Acting Director of CSIRO Animal Health Lab and a birder extraordinaire.



November - Susie Dash

Topic - Decluttering and Downsizing

Susie is the owner and director of Task Tamers, a Brisbane-based senior move management and downsizing service. She has helped over 1,000 families declutter, downsize and relocate with practical and compassionate advice.



February – Kylie Jenkins

Topic- Staying safe online. Details to follow.

August General Meeting

Annette Cooper (our Vice President) welcomed members to the Windsor Community Centre for our August meeting and asked Treasurer John and Secretary Dina to report to the meeting. Annette also filled in for our Activities Coordinator Mary and gave an update to the meeting. Our IT director Graham also gave update on various IT issues that are progressing including the Facebook page, Google drive and the possibility of grants for future support to the club.

Important notices were for the upcoming Port of Brisbane tour, the inaugural Men's Coffee and morning tea on the first Wednesday of the month, and the first whole club morning tea on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

A photo montage of our first year was displayed showing how much people had been getting involved.

Allison provided her usual amazing spread of slices and snacks for morning tea.



• August Guest Speaker: John Murray – “Alternating Currents” – the Electric Car Across Time.

Did you know

- Porsche first made an electric care in 1898.
- In 1910 of the 38842 vehicles in the USA, 38% were electric, and Chicago had a map with all the charging points for electric vehicles.
- The first car to break the 100km/hr speed was an electric car in 1899.
- Resurgence of electric cars began in the 1980s and has taken off due to the rise in quality and decrease in price of batteries, computer chips and energy sources, the design of electric cars from the ground up as in the Tesla, the drive for renewable energy and the impact of war on oil prices.



Port of Brisbane Tour

15 adventurous club members discovered a great deal about the Port of Brisbane on Monday 7th September.

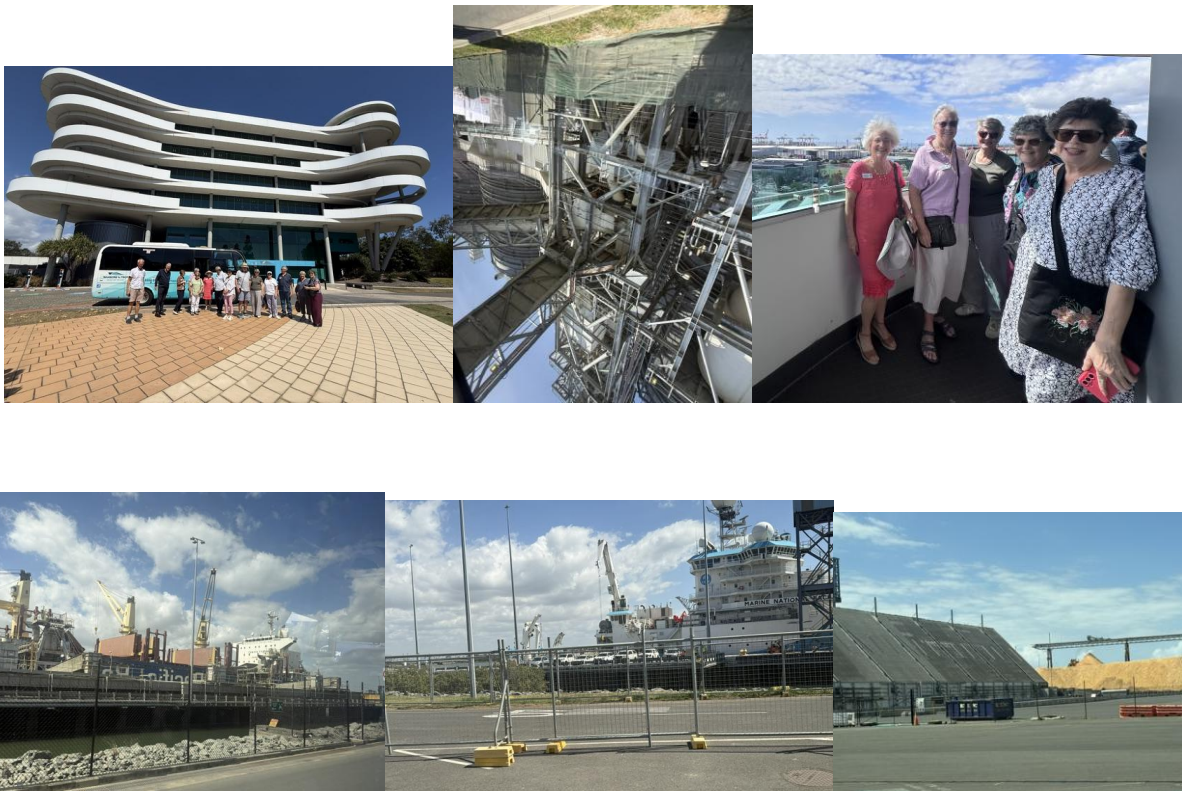
The visit included a short talk about the history of the port, its development and its current activities and plans for the future, followed by a bus tour of the port and then a delicious lunch from the viewing platform.

Fisherman's Island was created as the port, moving it from much further up the river in the 1980s through an act of parliament. It has grown to its current size which includes bulk goods export and import, container ships, car carriers passenger ships and other assorted cargo. Over 2000 ships visit the port each year, many only staying 1 day.

The port includes the Passenger terminal on the opposite side of the river. We discovered the reason for the location of the Passenger terminal was largely because it was at a point where they could turn the ships around. If it was further up the river, it would have required much more dredging and a much higher cost.

Container ships are unloaded and reloaded normally in one day. 90% of containers that leave the port are empty, so it is mainly for importing good.

A special thanks to Mary for organising this and to Annette for keeping us sorted on the day.



Member Moment -

Wasn't it great to hear from Fred Black and his amazing approach to life.

Fred left school at 15, then did a 5yr apprenticeship as a refrigeration mechanic, finishing in 1958. He then joined the regular Army finishing in Singapore. After that he went back to his original career and worked in NZ, Australia, Italy, Scotland, Bahamas and then back to Australia.

The thing he is most proud of achieving is a green beret in the Elite Army Commandos, which is one of the hardest courses in the world, with over a 50% failure rate. He was posted to both Malaya and Yemen during the conflicts.

He competed in the Masters Athletics, coming 2nd in the world in the 2,000m steeple chase. He also loves bush walking.

Fred has travelled extensively, and his last trip was 7wks in Serbia. He would still like to go to Albania and Montenegro.

Fred's Favorite Scottish saying –

“you'll never die of winter yet”.



Club Outings

CM Berghofer Centre - Friday 16th October 10am

Tour of QLD Institute of Medical Research, 300 Herston Rd Herston. Numbers are limited to 20. Venue for lunch to be decided.

Train to Nambour - Friday 20th November

With lunch at the RSL Club. Return journey by train as well. Details to follow.

Christmas Lunch - Friday 4th December

The Gibson Hotel with details to be arranged.

Talk to us at the Outings Desk before the next meeting to register your interest or contact Mary Poole 0477 287 890 or Annette Cooper 0419 556 318 for any queries.

How to Pay for Trips, etc.

Please note the details below for making payments for tours, lunches, membership etc by using your internet banking if you can't make the payment direct to the Treasurer at a meeting. These payments do not attract Eftpos fees which are borne by the club.

A/C Name: Windsor Probus Club Inc

BSB: 124-157 Account Number: 23595974

Reference your name and the tour or function.

e.g. SMITH - QIMR

Please direct any queries to our Club Treasurer John Forster on 0408 743 278

New Mahjong and Games Morning

Starting on **Thursday 8th October** at 10am and continuing on the **2nd Thursday each month** we will commence a games morning at the Windsor Croquet Club- 47 Blackmore St, Windsor.

Options will include

- Mahjong for beginners and experienced players- all welcome, come and learn
- Scrabble, Cards, Qwirkle or whatever you are happy to teach others how to play.

Cost \$5 per person to cover cost of the hall.

BYO morning tea to share

Coffee and Chat Morning

Espresso Lane (was Rosetta's)

Stafford City Shopping Centre

10 am Wednesday

This will be for any members & guests who wish to come along for coffee and morning tea on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.



Probus Men's Group

Jim and Hillary have organised a gathering of the male members for to talk about secret men's business over coffee. Venue changes each month so check with Jim.

The next gathering will be Wed 7th October at Fuel and Co,

190 Buckland Rd, Nundah

If you plan to come please message Jim on 0499889818



Probus Peddlers Cycling Group

Despite forecasts for rain on Friday 11th September, we met at Downey Park at 7:30 am, some dark clouds but no rain. We rode to Banneton Bakery in Ashgrove. Today there were 3 of us riding, joined by Graham and Teresa at the bakery for a coffee.

It was great to welcome our newest member Geoff to the Peddlers. Holidays and other life events will always mean our numbers fluctuate for the rides, but we only need 2 to make it an enjoyable mornings ride. Those who don't ride are always welcome to join us for a cuppa - 2nd Friday of the month. Let me know if this option works for you, and I can add you to the WhatsApp group- a great way to receive updates.



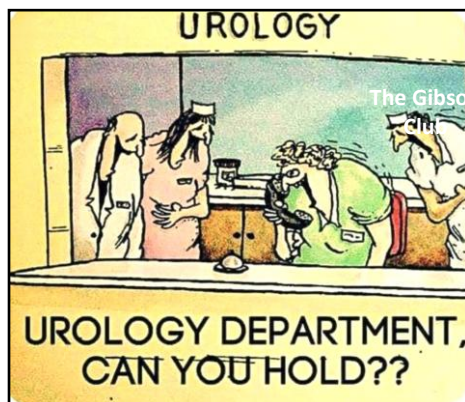
Walking Group



The usual suspects out at Q Roasters partway along the walk on Friday 4th September

New walkers are always welcome. We have set up a What'sApp group to keep in touch.

If you'd like to be added to the group or need other information call or text Lynne on 0407 039 459.



Gibsons Tannery

Gibsons Tannery (aka Scotia Works) occupied the site of the current Stafford City Shopping Centre from 1887 til 1982. The business owned by William and Joseph Gibson was a major leather processing and wool scour facility on Stafford Rd in Stafford.

Although it served as one of the largest early industrial employers for local workers, it was very unpopular because of the legendary noxious settling ponds and pungent smell that permeated the Stafford and surrounding suburbs depending on the wind direction.

In the early 1900's there were some fifteen tanneries in the Kedron area and they were deliberately clustered along natural waterways to access water for washing of the hides and scouring the wool in the other factory.

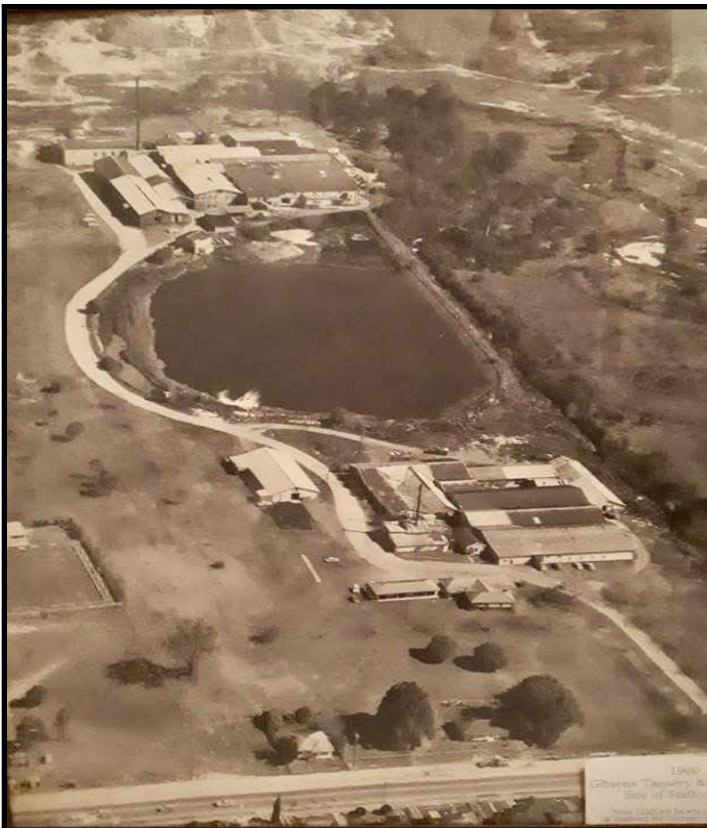
I remember playing high school football on the adjoining Gibson Park sporting fields and not wanting to get too breathless so I wouldn't inhale more of the horrible smell than necessary. A local motorist was rumoured to have used trying to escape the putrid smell as his reason for speeding through the area. Apparently the policeman let him go and they both quickly departed.

As the post-World War II housing boom took hold, pressure was placed on non-residential-friendly industrial sites in the inner northern suburbs. In later years, the tannery was also affected by cheaper imports resulting from reduced tariffs and the increased popularity of artificial leather products.

The tannery closed in 1982 and the Stafford City Shopping Centre opened in its place in 1984. The only remaining structure in the area is the Stafford Bowls Club which was renovated to become The Gibson Sports Bar.



Gibson Tannery at Stafford (aka Scotia Tannery) started by Joseph and William



Tannery workers circa 1900 with animal hides
-Imagine having to hand wash their clothes



September

29 Darryll Scott

October

07 Carol Kent

13 Annette Mohr

31 Lynne Campbell



Probus Activities

Date	Time	Event Type	Location	Details	Payment Due
Wed, 16th Sep	10 am	Coffee & Chat	Espresso Lane Stafford City Shopping Centre	Everybody welcome & bring guests if you like	Own cost at cafe.
Fri, 18th Sep	7 am	Walk, Coffee & Chat	Grange Library 79 Evelyn St Grange	Walk along Kedron Brook morning tea halfway.	Pay for Coffee at QRoasters
Fri, 25th Sep	9.30 for 10am	General Meeting	Community Centre 57 Grafton St Windsor	Members Meeting with a guest speaker	\$8 EFTPOS
Fri, 2nd Oct	7 am	Walk, Coffee & Chat	Grange Library 79 Evelyn St Grange	Walk along Kedron Brook morning tea halfway.	Pay for Coffee at QRoasters
Wed, 7th Oct	10 am	Men's Group Coffee	Collingwood Black Espresso 7 Bar 35 Collingwood St Albion	Men's Shed-like bloke session	
Thursday 8 th Oct	10am	Games- Mahjong, and others	Windsor Croquet Club, 47 Blackmore St, Windsor	Come and learn or play Mahjong, Quiricle, Scrable or any other game that takes your fancy	\$5 paid on day to Croquet club for use of the venue.
Fri, 9th Oct	7 am	Cycling & Coffee	TBA	TBA	Bring water. Own cost at cafe.
Fri, 16th Oct	7 am	Walk, Coffee & Chat	Grange Library 79 Evelyn St Grange	Walk along Kedron Brook morning tea halfway.	Pay for Coffee at QRoasters
Fri, 16th Oct	10 am	CM Berghofer Centre Tour	QLD Institute of Medical Research, 300 Herston Rd Herston.	Numbers are limited to 20. RSVP to Mary required.	Venue for lunch to be decided.
Wed, 21st Oct	10 am	Coffee & Chat	Espresso Lane Stafford City Shopping Centre	Everybody welcome & bring guests if you like	Own cost at cafe.
Fri, 23rd Oct	9.30 for 10am	General Meeting	Community Centre 57 Grafton St Windsor	Members Meeting with a guest speaker	\$8 EFTPOS
Fri, 30th Oct	7 am	Cycling & Coffee	TBA	TBA	Bring water. Own cost at cafe.
Fri, 6th Nov	7 am	Walk, Coffee & Chat	Grange Library 79 Evelyn St Grange	Walk along Kedron Brook morning tea halfway.	Pay for Coffee at QRoasters



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North Brisbane Region
of the Probuss Association
of Queensland

A Special *Celebration Cruise* on the **LADY BRISBANE**

Celebrating 50 Years of Probuss



**Saturday
24 October**
| 10.30 am – 2.00 pm



Departing from
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Recreational Pontoon**



\$85
per person

Includes:

- Welcome drink • Finger food buffet
- Tea & coffee station



BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Payment by EFT to
Probuss Association of Queensland
BSB 633 000 | Account 242 016 673
Include passenger name and Club
in payment reference

Don't miss this! A wonderful cruise along the mighty Brisbane River, and an amazing lunch with all the trimmings! So ACT SOON.

Monthly Meetings , Apologies and Dietary Requests

Monthly meetings are usually held on the fourth Friday of each month at the Windsor Community Centre 57 Grafton St Windsor.

Entry fee is \$8 with morning tea provided. (Please use cards as cash is a problem)

To help with catering and setting up the room, we need to have a good estimate of numbers attending the meetings, If unable to attend please email or phone your apology by the Wednesday before the Friday meeting.

Also if you have dietary concerns, please make it known to one of our committee members so it can be noted. We will make every effort to accommodate your needs.



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