



WINDSOR PROBUS CLUB

Newsletter

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Presidents Message

Welcome to the August newsletter, and just like that, blink, winter is almost over and the Ekka has been and gone.

Our last meeting saw a great first birthday celebration, with guests Cr Andrew Wines and Barbara Tobin (our north side Brisbane Probus Liaison Officer) attending and presenting the club with a first anniversary certificate. The morning tea was amazing, with a magnificent gluten free chocolate mud-cake generously donated by Cr. Wines. So along with Allison's scrumptious and sumptuous morning tea, it was a wonderful first anniversary. Thank you, Allison for all the delicious sandwiches and baked goodies.



Our guest speaker for July's meeting, Dr. Keith Treschman presented extensive insights into the "Zodiac" constellations and the astrological terms and historical discoveries that have led to our understanding of our universe. It was a most interesting and enlightening presentation, very well received and certainly expanded our understanding. We also had the first of our 'Member Moment' with Graham interviewing John Forster on his interesting career in Air Traffic Control and his travelling experiences. Who will be next ???

Thank you to Fred Black who took a merry band of Probians around the historical sites of Albion. Fred had planned our route from the coffee shop and thoroughly researched the buildings in the area to show us how the area had developed and the features that are still present. It was most interesting to have it pointed out that Albion probably has the most intact series of 19th century buildings in Brisbane, still there on Sandgate Rd. A very enjoyable lunch followed at the Albion Hotel. Thanks again to Mary for organising a most enjoyable outing.

The Windsor Probus webpage is up and active, use the link <https://www.pagnetwork.com.au/regional-roundup> to access the page. Our Facebook page can be accessed by searching for Windsor Probus Club Qld, please Click, Like and Follow us to increase our presence in the local community.

We have a couple of new opportunities to get together and build relationships, with Jim and Hillary hosting a Men's Coffee Morning on the 1st Wednesday of the month, and we will also start a general coffee and chat morning tea on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, see the Activities Board further in the newsletter for details. These are open to any members and friends (aka prospective members) for a casual get together. Hopefully as these activities grow, we can develop a small WhatsApp group to let the coordinator know how many people to expect and let the coffee shop know when, where and how many are coming. Our walking and cycling groups continue to enjoy Brisbane's great outdoors and are happy for any members to come along and join them, with the WhatsApp group messaging working well to plan and alter arrangements.

Hope to see as many of you at the General meeting next week, where our guest speaker will enlighten us on the past, present and future of electric cars.

"Probus: where friendship comes with a side of fun!"

Till then

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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 28th August
9.30 for 10am
Windsor Community
Centre**

57 Grafton St Windsor
Apologies To:

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Tour of the Port of Brisbane Authority

Monday 7th September 10.30am

3 Port central Ave, Port of Brisbane.

The tour which includes morning tea will cost \$35 and pre-payment is required at the next meeting.

Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd has a 99 year lease to manage the Port of Brisbane (POB). It is the third busiest port in Australia with 29 operating berths and more than 27,000 ships per year. The main port area is on Fisherman's Island which is an artificial, reclaimed island.

The port authority conducts tours from the visitors centre with an interactive display area, a 100 seat theatrette and an observation deck on the 7th floor with views over the port and the adjacent picturesque lake that has a large roost for migratory birds. The centre also has a cafe where we will be having morning tea.



Guest Speakers Schedule

August - John Murray

John describes himself as a 'reformed petrol head'. However having owned electric cars exclusively since 2015, he now has real trust in the technology, appreciates the fantastic ownership and driving experiences and realises how synergistically electric cars can integrate into a broader quality of life. With a teaching background, John has always been enthused to share understandings and presented on these matters across numerous public forums and courses over the past 10 years.



September - To be advised



October - Stephen Proust

Topic - Something about Birds

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.



July General Meeting

Teresa welcomed members to the Windsor Community Centre for our One Year anniversary meeting and she asked Treasurer John and Activities Coordinator Mary to report to the meeting. Our IT director Graham also gave us an update re setting up committee email accounts, shared online archives, a club Facebook site and his progress towards completion of the club website.

Teresa advised that Councillor Andrew Wines has offered our club a spot in the ballot for 15 tickets to the Lord Mayor's Christmas Party meal and concert at the City Hall during the week 7th to 12th December. We have requested the afternoon performance on Monday 7th or Thursday 10th. Mary has taken names of those interested and we will find out within the next month.

In a new segment for the meeting "Member Moment", Graham asked John Forster a series of questions about his work, hobbies, favourite travel experiences and any offered piece of advice.

Barbara Tonkin presented Teresa with a First Anniversary Certificate and Teresa welcomed Councillor Andrew Wines who congratulated the club and donated a huge chocolate mud cake for our morning tea celebrations.

Allison provided a wonderful spread of sandwiches and slices for morning tea to complement the mudcake which was officially cut by our executive members for morning tea.



July Guest Speaker

Keith Treschman told us that Astronomy is a natural science studying space, planets and stars using physics and maths while Astrology is a belief system claiming that star and planet positions affect human lives.

Keith explained that Astrology divides the zodiac into 12 sign sectors based on the path of the sun each year and assigns personality types and future events to these movements.

He explained how time keeping, longitude and latitude mapping are based on astronomical movements.



First Anniversary Committee

Many thanks to the current committee members on the first anniversary of our club. Teresa was thanked by Barbara Tobin for her good work as President of our club.

Teresa then thanked the committee members for their contributions to the formation and running of the club. She also thanked the partners who have supported them.

We would also like to acknowledge Barbara Tobin and Merv Richens from PAQ for their support and advice.



Vice President - Annette Cooper



Secretary - Dina Scott



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- Chris Cherry



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Madonna Treschman



Treasurer-John Forster
Membership Director - Julie Forster



IT Officer-
Graham Emblen



Activity and Outings Coordinator - Mary Poole

September

04 Barbara Laity

15 Bev Phillips

15 Pamela Train

21 Annette Cooper

22 Dean Dudley

29 Darryll Scott



Member Moment - John Forster

What was your main role in your working life?

My working life was mainly as an Air Traffic Controller. I worked in several places, all in Queensland, including Brisbane, Townsville, Mt Isa and back to Brisbane including Archerfield. The last 13 years were spent in Brisbane control tower and I retired in 2006.

What are you most proud of?

Apart from doing it for 35 years, I am very proud I never put two aeroplanes together in the same place. I am also very proud of my family, children and grandchildren, but mostly the 50+ years I have had with my wife Julie.

What do you do for fun?

I used to do a lot of bike riding, both here and overseas, but can't do that anymore. Play bridge most weeks, I like all sorts of music, particularly live music, and I like wine. I can't tell you which side of the hill a particular grape grew, but I still like it.

What has been your favourite travel experience?

Well, we have done quite a bit of travel, mainly in the last 25 years, including South America, USA and Canada, a bit of SE Asia, but mostly Europe. Our favourite was the Baltic countries including St Petersburg, followed by a small ship cruise up the Norwegian coast.

Where else would you like to travel?

I would like to see Eastern Europe, Romania, Hungary (but Julie not so much). I think our overseas travel is finished, but the great outdoors of Australia beckons.

What is your favourite saying or piece of advice?

I always told my children to ask a question to get the answer you want. Also, don't put anything in writing that can be used against you!



Club Outings

Tour of the Port of Brisbane Authority - Monday 7th September 10.30am

3 Port central Ave, Port of Brisbane. Morning tea is included on site. \$35 pre-payment required.

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 Proboscis Club Inc

BSB: 124-157 Account Number: 23595974

Reference your name and the tour or function.

e.g. SMITH - PortBris

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



Fred Black's Albion History Walking Tour



Workers Cottages in Ellen St
11 perch (280sqm) allotments



Albion Corner in 1909



Stephan's saddlery til 1999
(only the horse remains)

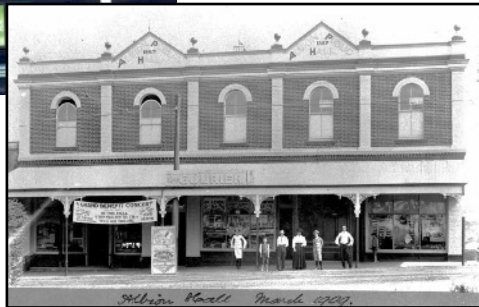


Fred told us that Albion Corner is probably unique in Brisbane because all of the shop buildings in this stretch of roadway are still intact.
Brisbane does not have a good track record for preserving history.



Albion Public Hall
built 1887

The ballroom on the first floor was Albion's centre for social events.



Dunaverty House in Birkbeck St (1880s)





Coffee and Chat Morning

Espresso Lane (was Rosetta's)
Stafford City Shopping Centre
 10 am Wednesday 16th September

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 to talk about secret men's business over coffee at:

Collingwood Black Espresso & Bar
 35 Collingwood St Albion.

The first gathering will be Wednesday 2nd September at 10am.

Probus Peddlers Cycling Group

The Peddlers had their first Wednesday ride this week. We missed our usual 2nd Friday of the month as we attended the Albion walking tour last week.

For those who started from Grinstead park, we rode 13.7 K's - riding west towards Mitchelton along the bike track. We headed to Little Gossip cafe in Everton park - not much gossiping for us, but good conversation over coffee and some scrumptious pastries! We had just cycled up a couple of big hills.... So were in need of some sustenance. We welcomed Teresa riding with us today - being Wednesday, she was able to join us for her inaugural ride with the group.

We should be back to our regular second Friday of the month next month.

Do have a chat with me or others in the group if you want to find out about the rides we do. Regular bikes and E-bikes. We try to ride mainly on bike tracks or non busy roads (essential to get to a cafe). Lovely sunshine and bird song to accompany our rides.

Alison Anderson - 0409 169 671



Walking Group



31st July

A sneaky extra walk on the 5th Friday
 because the 4th Friday was cancelled



7th August

Enjoying the winter sun
 4.4km in 52 minutes

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.

Grange Fiveways Explosion



Sunday 30th December 1973

Just before 1pm there was a huge explosion at Days Road in the Grange. The blast completely destroyed two shops and severely damaged nine other stores. Several nearby properties were shaken off their foundations and at least twelve homes were badly damaged.



The local neighbourhood was strewn with debris as far as 400 metres away and the explosion was heard up to 8 kilometres away.

The restricted Sunday trading laws at the time meant that the shopping area was very quiet and only five people were injured in the blast. A utility vehicle passing at the time with a married couple and three young children aboard took the full impact of the explosion. One of the children escaped with minor injuries and the fifth person who was seriously injured was the newsagent's wife in the shop across Days Rd. Several initial responders and spectators were treated on the scene for glass wounds.

The explosion appeared to have originated at the Nifty Thrifty supermarket on the corner of Days Rd and Paling St where Huskk Cafe now stands.

There is still no official cause of the explosion. A gas leak was discounted by initial investigations, as was an eyewitness report from a 7yr old boy who claimed to see an object fall from a light aircraft. Before the explosion there were reports of a strong smell of petrol and gas leaking from a refrigerator inside the supermarket.

It was also suggested that the cause was underground petrol tanks from a former service station located at the fiveways however these tanks had been removed some eighteen months earlier.

Underground gas mains were checked and found to not be the cause and police said that it wasn't caused by a bomb. There were some rumours that the supermarket proprietor stored explosives in the ceiling but no official police reports came up with a definitive reason for the blast.

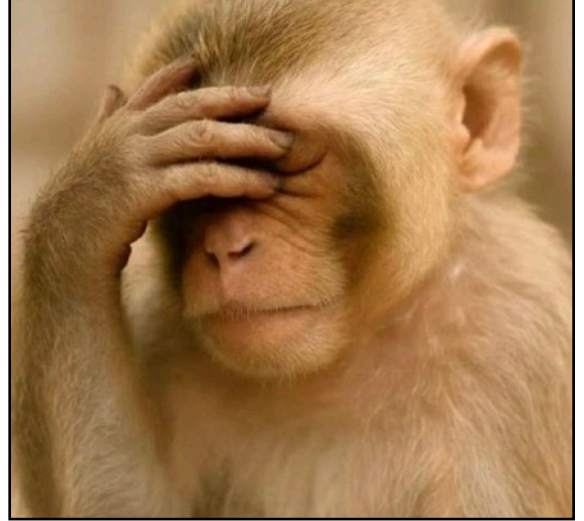
After the fire was extinguished, the two most affected buildings were unsalvageable and the site then sat vacant until 1979-80. The replacement building was refurbished in 2018 and today is home to Huskk Cafe, Thai Chada Restaurant and boutique bakery Oh My Bread. The fiveways have been replaced by a roundabout as well.

Source: Lost Brisbane Facebook site / John Prpic / Mark Harvey

**DON'T STEP ON IT!
IT MAKES YOU CRY.**



**I MADE A HUGE TO DO LIST
FOR TODAY... I JUST CAN'T
FIGURE OUT WHO'S GOING
TO DO IT.**

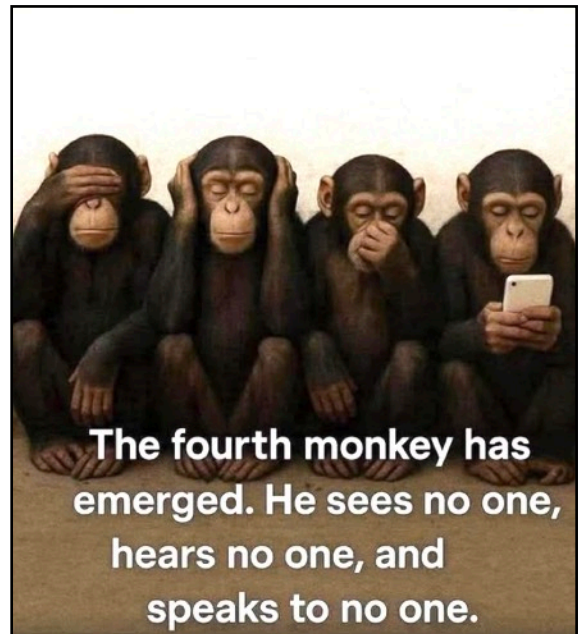


**I've been trying
to call you all day.**

Thats a calculator.



**The fourth monkey has
emerged. He sees no one,
hears no one, and
speaks to no one.**



**DID YOU KNOW THAT
WOMEN USE ABOUT
30,000 WORDS A DAY
WHILE MEN
USE ONLY 15,000?**

**Yes, because
we have to repeat
everything!**

What?



**After listening to his owner drone on
for hours, Ralph suddenly realized
he was NOT cut out to be an
emotional support dog after all.**

Probus Activities Board

Date	Time	Event Type	Location	Details	Payment Due
Fri, 21st Aug	7 am	Walk, Coffee & Chat	Grange Library 79 Evelyn St Grange	Walk along Kedron Brook morning tea halfway	Pay for Coffee at QRoasters
Fri, 28th Aug	9.30 for 10am	General Meeting	Community Centre 57 Grafton St Windsor	Members Meeting with a guest speaker	\$8 EFTPOS
Fri, 4th Sep	7 am	Walk, Coffee & Chat	Grange Library 79 Evelyn St Grange	Walk along Kedron Brook morning tea halfway	Pay for Coffee at QRoasters
Wed, 2nd Sep	10am	Men's Group Coffee	Collingwood Black Espresso & Bar 35 Collingwood St Albion	Men's Shed-like bloke session	Jim&Hillary shouting (out loud, not drinks)
Mon, 7th Sep	10.30 am	Port of Brisbane Tour	3 Port Central Ave Port of Brisbane	Meet at Port Office & Visitors Centre	\$35 prepaid
Wed, 9th Sep	10 am	Coffee & Chat	Espresso Lane Stafford City Shopping Centre Food Mall	Everyone welcome and bring guests if you like	Own cost at cafe.
Fri, 11th Sep	7 am	Cycling & Coffee	TBA	TBA	Bring water. 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
Fri, 9th Oct	7 am	Cycling & Coffee	TBA	TBA	Bring water. Own cost at cafe.
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.

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 accomodate your needs.

Apologies to: dina.scott.ds@gmail.com or text Dina 0418 778 683



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