Our History 2001-2003

Mid **2001** the Kenmore Rotary Club initiated the formation of the **Kenmore Gardens Probus Club**. Probus Clubs were flavour of the month at that time, springing up everywhere and there were 5 formed in Kenmore at around this time. Apart from ourselves I can only recollect Kenmore Millenium and Kenmore Village as still in existence. The choice of "Gardens" to distinguish us from other Kenmore Clubs was to do with our first meeting venue, the Lakeside Restaurant at Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens, which had plenty of **gardens** around it.

A committee was formed towards the end of 2001 and the club received accreditation in March 2002.

At a meeting on 1st October 2001, a decision was taken to go ahead with the proposed name change to **Probus Club of Kenmore Gardens**. At this and the second meeting on 5 November, the club's first committee was formed. By the first committee meeting on 5th December, all vacant offices had been filled.

By February **2002**, the club's applications for accreditation as a member of the national Probus movement and for membership of the Probus Association of Queensland had been accepted. One of the most important administrative decisions — the application for Incorporation — was undertaken over the next few months and on its being granted in March 2002; the club reformed as the Probus Club of Kenmore Gardens Inc. By the end of 2002, the club had a membership of 58.

Significantly, **2003** was the year in which the Probus Association Queensland (PAQ) began a move to further unite Queensland Probus clubs by starting up the PAQ network. with a grant from the Brisbane City Council. This resulted in a web-site of information about Probus, interesting speakers and Outings as well as an email facility to keep clubs more easily and quickly informed of Probus events. Kenmore Gardens joined 60 other clubs as members of the network.