

Our History 2021 Continued

Meetings were held at the McLeod Country Golf Club. We had a membership of 70. The membership fees stood at \$45 per member with a monthly meeting fee of \$10. New member welcomed during the year was Vince Wass. The committee held an Interest Group survey mid-year to gauge the interest of members to form new interest groups.

Our own member **Tricia Hatherley** gave a talk at the April meeting on “Human milk ... why is it so important?”. **Barry Collis** spoke about the workings of Angels Flight in May. Our guest speaker for the June meeting was **Ted Duhs**, Author of “Crucial Errors in Murder Investigations” and “I Know Who Killed Betty Shanks” who spoke on “People Who Have Been Wrongly Jailed for Crimes they didn't commit”. Ted covered many historic world-wide cases dating back to the 1800's and then talked about some more recent Australian solved cases such as Lindy Chamberlain. He finished off talking about some current running investigations such as the Max Sica and the Singh children murders. Our guest speaker for the July meeting was **Nicky Niemandt**, on the Topic “My Experiences of Living in Kazakhstan”. We will remember Nicky as the speaker wearing many hats. Our August meeting was cancelled owing to Covid restrictions. Our **September** speaker was **Dr Kailas Roberts** and his topic titled ‘Mind Your Brain’ was on dementia. The main takeaway was: dementia is not curable, but it may be delayed if people do simple things like socialize, eat well, exercise and try to get enough sleep. **Diane Carter** spoke at our **November** meeting on ‘Events That Happened To Me In Africa, including an attack by a hyena’. Diane uses many of her life's stories in her talks. Audiences love to hear what comes from the heart and from personal experience. In her own passionate way, Diane weaves her strong message about the power of positive Mindset Energy in between these real-life stories, with a generous sprinkling of humour to keep her audiences enthralled with laughter and totally spellbound. Her presentations are entertaining and inspirational. Diane engages and entertains her audiences to show them how to use Mindset Energy – the Diane uses many of her life's stories in her talks. Audiences love to hear what comes from the heart and from personal experience. In her own passionate way, Diane weaves her strong Message about the power of positive Mindset Energy in between these real-life stories, with a generous sprinkling of humour to keep her audiences enthralled with laughter and totally spellbound. Her presentations are entertaining and inspirational. Diane engages and entertains her audiences to show them how to use Mindset Energy – the attitude to propel their life and their business forward.

Our March outing was a **St Patrick's Day train trip** to Nambour which included a Pub lunch. A few of the members partook of an ale or two at the Stalwart Alehouse Brewing Company. Eight of us participated in **Putt-Putt** on the 17th May at The St Lucia Golf Club. We had two teams of 4 players and successfully completed the expert level for each of the 12 holes (no lost balls, but a few ended in the rough and lots of laughter). After a very competitive game, we declared we were all winners and then enjoyed coffee, a light lunch and some banter. The **Goma European Masterpieces Exhibition** was attended by about 25 members on the 21st June. Highlights of the exhibition included Fra Angelico's finely painted altarpiece The Crucifixion of ca. 1420–23; Titian's poetic Venus and Adonis of the 1550s; the immediacy and drama of Caravaggio's The Musicians 1597; Rembrandt's painterly Flora of c.1654; Vermeer's beautifully observed Allegory of the Catholic Faith c.1670-72, and van Gogh's idyllic The Flowering Orchard 1888. Some members met for a light lunch afterwards at the GOMA outdoor café. All members reported a very worthwhile exhibition and an excellent day.

A visit to the **Commissariat Store Museum**, was held on the **14th July**. The Commissariat Store is Queensland's oldest habitable building and most significant heritage building. It was built in 1824 during the convict days. Fourteen of our Club members turned up for the tour. We met up in Queen Gardens around 10am and began the tour at 10.30am. It began on the lower level where we were told its history. It was built in 1829 by convicts during Captain Logan's time and had only two levels at first but another level was added later. It is the oldest occupied building in Queensland. The stone came from Kangaroo Point Cliffs and the grouting is of ash from the eruption of Mt Tambourine 200 million years ago and shell from the aboriginal midden heaps. The great wooden beams were all cut from local timber using adze and cross cut saws. The only beast of burden was Logan's horse for convicts had to move everything using man power including carts etc. In all it is a very impressive building. After a talk on the lower we were split into two groups for a tour of the rest of the building which proved very educational.

We had planned a day visiting the finest dams in South East Queensland in August; however, this was cancelled owing to Covid restrictions.

The **Adult Learners' Week symposium** on the **1st September** was hosted by the Probus Club of Kenmore Village in the Kenmore Library meeting room. It was well attended by about 20 participants from various clubs including several from our club. The program included an opening address by the Chair, Professor Jack Greenwood. Peter Kearns AM addressed "The Growing Importance of Adult Learning in the Emerging Longevity Society". This was followed by Councillor Greg Adermann whose subject was "Growing Older and Living Bolder", he also talked about the Brisbane City Council's GOLD initiative – Growing Old, Living Dangerously. Tanya, from the Kenmore Library, talked about the work of the Kenmore Library in providing adult learning materials and services. Dr Denise Kearns completed the talks with her presentation on "How Kenmore Village Probus looks at the wider benefits of continuing to learn". All the speakers then mingled with the participants to answer questions and Peter Kearns had a fascinating display of literature on adult learning for us to peruse.

The **Roma St Parklands Gardens guided tour** on the **13th September** was attended by 11 members. We were split into two groups and each group had a volunteer guide. We enjoyed an hour and a half guide of the gardens full of colour with excellent commentary and many photographic opportunities. We followed this with chatter over an enjoyable lunch at the Gardens Room cafe. Their signature dish is a Caesar salad with several of our members partaking of this dish.

Members had a memorable morning at the **Walkabout Creek Discovery Centre** on the 17th November. It started off with a talk from Jocie, our assigned guide, who spoke about the Centre and then introduced us to a number of interesting residents. This was followed by a self-guided walk around the various animal/fish displays, a walk around the site and then lunch at their newly developed café.

Our Annual Christmas Luncheon was held as planned at the **Jindalee Tavern on the 6th December** with another great roll-up of members. The day started with a welcome by our President who gave a summary of our activities during the last year and extended a warm welcome to all present. Concluding with some appropriate quotes for the Season he introduced two new activities for the day. This included a Trivia Quiz, a "Pass the Parcel" event and a rolling series of lucky door prizes beautifully arranged and then Charades. The noise levels increased immediately after President's opening with discussion about the questions for Trivia. In which TV series was the phrase "Allo Allo", a by-word? It seemed everyone had a contribution to make and memories were razor sharp.

Lunch was well prepared and plentiful and absolutely appropriate for the event. Staff were also very attentive and helpful. Pass the Parcel was a great success with a novel theme of "passes" tied in with the words of a narrative. Differently, parcels were passed under and over tables as well as to the right and left. This interlude was very well received. After the judging of the Trivial Pursuit and the conclusion of the Lucky Door Prizes, our President took to the stage to thank those in attendance, the Event Organizing Committee and the venue and staff for a wonderful day's festive activities. It seemed that the change of venue had been a great success.

The **Lord Mayor's Seniors Christmas Party** was held at the City Hall on the **9th December** and was attended by 7 of our members; unfortunately several members had to cancel at the last minute owing to health issues.

We met at 9am and were seated by 9:15 at tables of 10 in the Auditorium. There were also many guests also seated in the Balcony areas. In total, roughly 1000 people attended and the organization behind the scenes was very professional and everything went without a hitch. Morning tea was the first on the agenda, each guest received a plate of refreshments and bottomless cups of tea & coffee. All agreed that the refreshments were plentiful, delicious and that the staff did an excellent job of distributing the refreshments and keeping our coffee topped up. After the morning tea, the entertainment began capably led by Rachael Tiernan as the MC, with a speech from the Lord Mayor with his family, and a range of entertainers including Billy Bouchier, Adam Lopez, Renae Suttie, Judith Molnar, the Rako Pasefika Singers, Adam Robbins, Bridie Heron, Mia Fennessy, The Christmas Party Singers and the Seren8 Quartet.

The special interest groups continued to be well-attended and included dinner/movie night, bookworms, writers ink, Picnic in the Park and the Photography groups.

We celebrated our **20th Anniversary** on the 11th October with a luncheon at the Westlake Room, McLeod Country Golf Club. A total of 64 members and guests, including Colin Melvin from Rotary Club of Kenmore, which sponsored our club on 1 October, 2001 and Lindy Morrison, Probus Regional Officer, Metro West (North), attended the

luncheon. Our in-house entertainer, comedian and song writer, Con, talked about his experience with the shingles on-board the maiden voyage of a ship. And then sang his rendition of “shingle bells, shingle bells ...”. Our MC, Darryl, then presented gold medals to long time Activity Group convenors, to acknowledge their support for these groups over the years. After a very delicious lunch was enjoyed by all, our capable MC, Darryl, entertained us by conducting two competitions, “guess who” and “who would you like to invite to dinner – guess the celebrity”. These competitions were in the form of PowerPoint presentations. The “guess who” competition was compiled from member photos of themselves as a late teen or as an early adult. Each table of eight members, jointly, had to guess who it was and to write their guess on a pre-prepared quiz sheet. This produced much fun and hilarity. Another PowerPoint presentation then displayed the member photos again with the member name attached.

Probus Club of Kenmore Gardens website went live on 26/10/2021. Our thanks to Chris for his efforts in his initiative and long hours in establishing the website.