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Meetings normally held each second Monday of the month in the Trinity Lutheran Church Hall Pasadena @ 9.45 a.m.

General Meeting @ 9.45 a.m. Monday 15 June - Visitors and New Members Welcome.
******* Please wear your name badges to all meetings and outings.*******

General Meeting	15 June	12 July
Guest Speaker	**RAA - General information and road rules quiz**	**Lauren Ginman - Navigating my aged care**
5 Minute Speaker	Probus 50th Anniversary Speech	Pat Ellis
Greeters ** Greeters to be there @ 9:15	Tinie Mulders Katherine Brown	Adrian March Pat Farmer
Morning Tea **Please report to the kitchen @ 9:30 before the meeting	**Wendy Watson** Lyne Willoughby Frances Murrell Margaret Southwell	**Wendy Watson** Lyne Willoughby Charlotte Judd Bev Maddocks
Sweeping	Ian Jurgs	Dave Messner

**** If you are unable to do your turn on the roster, please find someone to take your place.****

Birthdays from 15 June to 12 July:

Betty Juers	16 June
Bev Schultz	1 July
Bob Sleigh	4 July
Lyne Willoughby	6 July
Heather Norris	9 July



Welfare Report & Good News: Please inform **Margaret Southwell** on **0409 699 614** of any members with health problems. **We are only able to help our fellow Probians if we keep Margaret informed if any of our members are unwell**. If you have **good news** to share with our members, please let **Margaret Southwell** know the details.

5 minute Speaker - Jane Hope: Jane Hope was born and raised on a farm in Flat Rocks, near Perth, Western Australia, with her family, including her sister Sally and half-brother David, whose father was killed in wartime. She shared childhood stories involving farm life, pets, and her sister Sally, including an incident where Sally ate sand and needed a stomach pump. The family kept various animals, including a wild kitten named Twiddles, a kangaroo called Joey, a Siamese cat named Ching, and a poodle named Sixpence. Jane told stories of their antics on the farm. Due to lack of transport Jane went to a boarding school. Jane and her sister loved riding horses and participated in local shows. The school had a limited student-to-teacher ratio, and many of the students were boarders from distant countries. Jane trained as a mother craft nurse, and after a round-the-world trip with her sister, she worked in a share-broking firm before marrying a South Australian and having two sons. She taught sewing at Scotch College, worked at Johnson's Fabrics, and made wedding dresses. Jane returned to Perth to care for her aging parents. Jane was married for 20 years to her second husband, who passed away from cancer, and in 2023, she moved to South Australia, enjoying her grandchildren and a new phase of life.



Gerry Clarke - My Name is Ryan: Gerry's talk focuses on his son, Ryan, who has Down syndrome. Gerry shares his personal journey as a parent, highlighting the joys, challenges, and profound impact Ryan has had on their family. Gerry emphasizes the importance of a positive attitude and the transformative power of love and acceptance when raising a child with Down syndrome. He shares how a poem, "God's Special Child," helped shape their family's outlook. Gerry talks about Ryan's life from birth, including his diagnosis, his education within the Catholic school system, and his transition into the workforce. It underscores the importance of the role of the community and support. Ryan's work experience and subsequent employment at Bedford are highlighted as crucial for his development, independence, and social skills. Gerry's talk expresses relief and gratitude for Bedford's survival and continued support for its employees. The establishment and success of Harrow House, a supported accommodation facility, are presented as a model for providing world-class care and support for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Ryan's contentment and growth at Harrow House are evident. Gerry describes Ryan's special gifts, including his emotional intelligence, ability to bring joy, sense of humour (often at his dad's expense), and his passions for Disney, adventure movies, rock music, and the Adelaide Crows. Gerry shares his motivation for writing books about Ryan ("Ryan's Rainbow" and "My Name is Ryan") and speaking publicly: to share their story, offer hope to other families, and combat misinformation about Down syndrome. He recounts his experience writing a letter to the editor regarding the portrayal of Stevie Payne. The title of the book, "My Name is Ryan," is a powerful statement of Ryan's identity and self-assurance. The book itself is presented as a celebration of Ryan's life and Australia's support for people with disabilities.



Tour of the Repat Hospital - 13 May: We all assembled at the Museum at 12.30 for a tour of the Repat facility. We adjourned to the Chapel where we were given a history of the chapel, including the fantastic stained glass windows that were commissioned from Australian artist Cedar Prest for the 50th Anniversary of the Repat in 1992.



Other interesting features of the chapel were the fact that one end was Catholic and the other Protestant, with the pew backs able to pivot so that the entire congregation could be facing whichever direction was relevant for the particular service.

We visited the Statewide Rehabilitation Services building where a very wide range of rehabilitation services from a range of service providers is available under the one roof.

At the end of the building is another Cedar Prest stained glass window that was in the old chapel at the original RAH and was preserved and relocated to the Repat.

We then went to the museum where both enthusiastic volunteers gave us a history of the Repat itself from its beginnings as a Military Hospital to the current day. We then did a tour of the museum which houses a vast range of both military and medical memorabilia. Some of the uniforms brought back memories for some Probus members.

We were also regaled with interesting stories such as the nurses uniforms in Darwin that were stained with tea so they were not bright white. Apparently the Japanese bombers could spot the white uniforms and target them with bombs so they used a cheap and readily available form of camouflage.

Members provided gold coin donations to assist the museum with their ongoing efforts. A truly interesting tour with such strong connections for many of us whose families have had a long history with the Repat.

Monthly Lunch: **Wednesday 17 June, 12 noon. Venue: Cremorne Hotel**, 207 Unley Rd, Unley. Please book with Liz Koch at the meeting, on 0439 979 152 or lanitzia992@gmail.com. Please let Liz know if you require a lift to the lunch.

May Meeting: **Total Membership - 71**

Members 63; Apologies 4: Visitors 2. ****Any apologies should be sent to Jan Triggs before 8.30 a.m. on meeting day: triggs@lifestylesa.net.au or 8179 5714.** If you have lost your badge or require a new one please see Jan Triggs - Pin or Magnetic $13.75.

****Please note that resignations need to be advised in writing (via email or post) to Jan Triggs. If you know of anyone that is no longer attending, please let them know.****

Treasurer's Report: General Account Balance as @ 30 April $4,917.02 plus $5,192.54 in term deposit. Door prize proceeds for May meeting was $100.80.
Payments can be made by a) cash at a club meeting, b) credit card payments - available at club meetings or c) **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)** direct to the Club's Account (Credit Union of SA).
BSB: 805007 Account No. 00116368 Account Name: Probus Club of St Mary's Inc.

Outings:

**** If you want to attend any of the events then you will need to add your name on the appropriate sheet at the back of the room at the General Meeting. ****

24 June - Movie at Wallis Cinema. 10:00 a.m. Cost: $18 Seniors. After the movie, lunch at Torrens Arms at own cost.

15 July - Christmas in July. Maid of Auckland at 12:00. Cost: $34 for 2 courses or $44 for 3 courses.

29 July - Consensus Quiz Morning - as part of Probus 50th birthday - other clubs are included. Venue: Club Marion, 262 Sturt Road at 10:00 a.m. for a 10:30 a.m. start, concluding around 1:00 p.m. Cost: $5.00. Optional lunch afterwards at your own expense.

25 August - Belair Railway Station. 10.00 a.m. for tea, biscuits and talk. More details to come.

23 September - Martindale Hall. Cost: $120 includes lunch Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. Payment required by end of August.

18 - 23 October - Tour to Magical Macedon and the Coast with Holiday Wonders. Cost: $2,950.00 per person with single supplement $590.00. Deposit of $600 per person required when booking (before the end of May). Balance is due 18 July. Accommodation is 5 nights in Geelong. Please contact Holiday Wonders if you are planning on joining us on this tour - (08) 8373 1282 or 212 Belair Road, Hawthorn. Also advise Margaret Mudge once you have paid your deposit.

November - Mortlock Library and the Migration Museum. More details to come.

December - Kenton Valley Cherries. More details to come.

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