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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 14 September - Visitors and New Members Welcome.
******* Please wear your name badges to all meetings and outings.*******

General Meeting	14 September	12 October
Guest Speaker	**Adelaide Sea Rescue Squadron**	**Ian Jurgs - History of the First Settlers in South Australia**
5 Minute Speaker	Chris Ranger	Margaret Lewis
Greeters ** Greeters to be there @ 9:15	Charlotte Judd Frances Murrell	Maureen Cook Tinie Mulders
Morning Tea **Please report to the kitchen @ 9:30 before the meeting	**Wendy Watson** Lyne Willoughby Pam Davey Caroline Shipard	**Wendy Watson** Lyne Willoughby Glenda Carlson Ray Doecke
Sweeping	Gerry Styles	Adrian March

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

Birthdays from 14 September to 11 October:

Clarice Gaulke	14 September
Pat Farmer	18 September
Heather Pittman	4 October



5 minute Speaker - Wendy Watson: Wendy spoke about a 1400 km round trip undertaken with her husband Dave to Farina, a remote location 600 km north of Adelaide, primarily to visit Australia's most remote underground bakery. The journey, described as an eventful trip, encountered significant road obstacles, including a huge pothole and lots of creek bed wash aways. Initial stops included Hawker, where the motel was found to be quite run down, and a drive on roads that were all bitumen except for the last one km stretch into the bakery which was quite rough for a sedan. Farina, which has been empty since 1967, experiences a revival for eight weeks annually due to the bakery's operation. Upon arrival, they observed at least 30 4wd cars and caravans and motor homes, never seen so many people in a town that doesn't exist. The volunteers at the bakery were noted for their friendliness and discussions about ongoing restoration projects, such as the rebuilding of the police station, post office and train ticket box. The itinerary continued to Maree, where they visited rooms dedicated to historical figures like Tom Kruse the outback mailman and John McDouall Stuart, whose great great grandmother reportedly made the flag placed atop Central Mount Stuart. The journey then proceeded to Quorn for a two-night stay, with a stop at the Prairie Hotel at Parachilna, described as a quiet town until 12 noon when the 30 to 40 tourists in their big cars and caravans appeared out of nowhere for lunch. Further exploration included Beltana and the recently restored and very welcoming Victoria Hotel, serving only local produce. In Quorn, the Flinders Ranges Motel room had been refurbished, very comfortable and clean. Despite the extensive travel primarily for a pie, the trip was deemed worth every minute of the 1400 Km, with the added benefit of minimal damage to the car from the rough roads. In a past Probus Club trip to Farina, the bakery had closed the day before their arrival.



Torrens to Darlington South Road Project : The Torrens to Darlington Project, presented by Charlotte and Duran from the Community Information Centre, represents the final 10.5 km section of the North-South Corridor. This ambitious project will establish a 78 Km of non-stop, traffic light-free motorway between Gawler and Old Noarlunga, allowing drivers to bypass 21 sets of traffic lights. A key feature is the construction of two separate tunnels – the Southern Tunnels and the Northern Tunnels, which will be linked by an open motorway. The Southern Tunnels will extend 4.5 km of twin three lane tunnels and are being excavated by two tunnelling machines, Mary and Catherine. The open motorway section, spanning just over 2.7km in length, will connect key routes such as Richmond Road and James Congdon Drive, providing critical east-west connectivity. The Northern Tunnels will comprise about 2.2 km of twin three lane tunnels and will be constructed by a single machine, Elizabeth, which will complete one tunnel before turning to excavate the second. Upon completion, more than 50% of the T2D project will be tunnels, with a speed limit of 80kph within them. A dedicated 24-hour transport management centre will monitor the tunnels, supported by intelligent transport systems (ITS) for communication and control. The tunnelling process involves excavating soil, which is stored in a large shed before being transported to a spoil site, with 55,000 concrete segments lining the walls of the tunnels. The tunnels will be situated 30 metres below surface level. Importantly, there will be no toll for using the new motorway. Vibration levels during tunnelling are expected to be minimal, comparable to a fridge running, and are closely monitored. Further information, including an interactive 3D map, is available on www.t2d.sa.gov.au, and a helpline is provided at 1300 951 145 for those impacted by road closures or seeking project updates.



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.

Treasurer's Report: General Account Balance as @ 31 July $3,172.83 plus $5,283.83 in term deposit. Door prize proceeds for August meeting was $89.40.

Monthly Lunch: **Wednesday 16 September, 12 noon. Venue: Seacliff Surf Life Saving Club**, 248 Esplanade Seacliff. Please book with Liz Koch at the General Meeting, on 0439 979 152 or lanitzia992@gmail.com. Please let Liz know if you require a lift to the lunch.

August Meeting: **Total Membership - 68**
Members 49; Apologies 12. ****Any apologies should be sent to Heather Norris before 8.30 a.m. on meeting day: heather.norris@bigpond.com or 0448 849 242.**

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. ****
23 September Wed - Martindale Hall (stairs to climb as there is no lift). Morning tea at Roseworthy and lunch at the Riverton Hotel. Cost: $120 includes lunch Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. Payment required by August meeting.
18 - 23 October - Tour to Magical Macedon and the Coast with Holiday Wonders. Cost: $2,950.00 per person with single supplement $590.00. Accommodation is 5 nights in Geelong.
November - Mortlock Library and the Migration Museum. More details to come - when the big Christmas tree is setup.
December - Kenton Valley Cherries. More details to come.

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