



# The Probus Club of Flagstaff Hill Inc

## Bulletin

11th April 2024

The Club meets at 9.45am on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Church of Christ, 179 Hub Drive, Aberfoyle Park

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### TODAY'S SPEAKER – IAN MILES



At our April Meeting, Ian Miles will talk about the Vickers Vimy relocation project.

Ian Miles, Senior Metals Conservator, works in Artlab's Projects team, which is responsible for projects relating to large industrial and technological objects, public art, buildings and monuments.

Prior to commencing at Artlab Ian worked with both the Australian War Memorial and the Science Museum, London, on large technology objects. At the AWM Ian was involved in moving artillery and caring for the armoury collection (requiring security clearances for handling weapons). At the Science Museum he worked on the maintenance of Alcock and Brown's Vickers Vimy biplane and the care, conservation, relocation and display of diverse objects.

Artlab were successful in tender for the relocation of the Vickers Vimy from the Memorial building to a new exhibition space within the new terminal building of Adelaide Airport. Ian's Powerpoint presentation provides a summary of the aircraft relocation and associated sandstone sculpture of the air crew by artist John Dowie. The presentation will provide a brief history of the aircraft and its previous treatments, aircraft dimensions, Artlab research, investigation and analysis, relocation concepts and final design, practical works, route planning, relocation, exhibition design, reconstruction and completion images.

### LAST MONTH'S SPEAKERS



At our March meeting, we were entertained by 3 of our members.

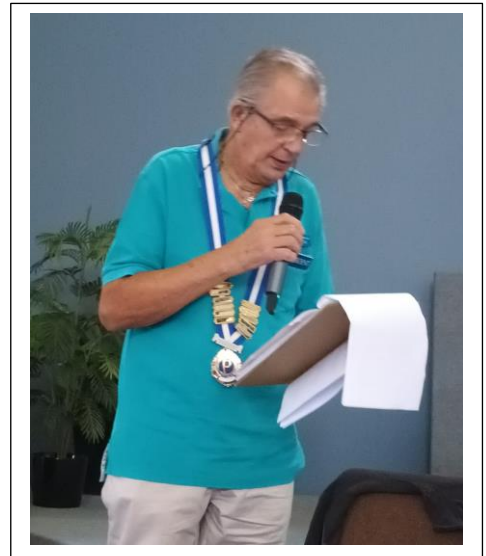
Firstly, Jerry and Maurie filled us in on their adventures on the high seas relating to their cruises on the 3 queens. Jerry mentioned having the odd ale or two and Maurie enlightened us of their on-board "haute couture" fashion sense.

This was followed by the talented, John Whitman who read two of his poems. I especially liked "In and Out" relating to the antics of a pet dog (which we could all relate to).

### FORTHCOMING SPEAKER

At our May meeting, especially for History Month, Rita Bogna will talk about "Under Siege – The Spanish Flu in South Australia 1919-1920". Partners are most welcome to attend.

## INDUCTION OF OUR NEW CLUB PRESIDENT – Maurie Lateu



During our AGM, President Darrell had the pleasure of investing Maurie Lateu as the new Club President. President Maurie took the reigns and thanked Darrell and the Committee for their guidance and assistance during his role as Vice President and looked forward to the new Probus Year.

### President Maurie's Wandering Meanderings

The Title "President" slips easily off the tongue in conversation but thinking of some current or past Presidents like Donald Duck, did I just say that! I meant Trump of course and the infamous Kim Jong Un and Past President Marcos amongst others.....and I have just been elected as President of The Flagstaff Hill Mens' Probus Club, no less. I'm now a President too. I'm not too sure though whether my realm will go down in history?

I can't wait for the next opportunity when the form I'm filling asks whether I'm a Mr, Mrs, Ms, non-binary or whatever and I can scratch all of those titles out and write in bold red ink none of those....my current title is "President" so please address me as such! I wonder what the Qantas reaction to my bookings will be. Hopefully an instant upgrade to a First-Class seat but I'd settle for business class just to show I'm not a snob. As one of the current ABC TV ADs states,,,,,"you're the worst jester ever" so on to the serious stuff.

I think the current committee who elected me to this elevated position do not realise the error of their ways! I'm always late for everything, at my wedding I'm the one that arrived late not Wendy, I'm sure I'll be late for my funeral, oh, that's funny isn't it? I'll then be the Late Lateu!

I offer my sincere thanks to the committee for my nomination and unopposed election.

While I'm here I'd like to particularly thank Darrell who has been my mentor and has held my hand and led me through the many corridors of the Probus clubs, code of conduct, protocols and culture and processes.

He is now the past president, thanks Darrell for all the hard work and effort you put into this role. There's many a time when I have received an email from Darrell and noted it was written on a Saturday night when, probably most of us were watching TV or at the local drinking beer, come to think of it I can probably nominate one person who was probably doing just that no names, no pack drill (if you're not familiar with that phrase, come and talk with me at the next meeting and I'll explain) personally I was probably doing my ironing for the week in between dusting and mopping the floors!

I also would like to congratulate and thank Tim Magor who has been duly elected unopposed as my Vice President and look forward to working with Tim in the coming year to ensure the smooth running of the club and to provide fun and friendships to all our members.

I want to assure you I take the responsibility of this presidency very seriously and I will do my best to to ensure that the fun and friendships will continue unabated and to uphold the true meanings of the Probus culture. (And not to be late).

Sincerely

*Maurie*

# Our Annual Club BBQ



Ian reserved a beautiful Autumn day for us



Fine weather, good food, great friends



Still time to solve all the world's problems



The chefs are hard at work



Dig in, there's plenty for everyone



The three wise men?



All hands on deck



Choices, choices



A great day had by all

## FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>Opening Balance 20<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>\$1,702.95</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Morning Tea	102.10
Members Subscriptions (Cash)	525.00
Members Subscriptions (Internet)	770.00
Annual BBQ (22)	220.00
Cap & Badges	36.00
Defib Donations from Members	35.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,688.10</b>
	<b><u>\$3,391.05</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Induction Kits	38.00
Presidents Collar etc	24.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>62.00</b>
<b>Closing Balance 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>\$3,329.05</b>

## FUTURE SPEAKER SUGGESTIONS

Suggestions coming from the Members Survey:

- Police Forensics speaker
- Sports Personalities
- Speaker on ageing and taking care of yourself

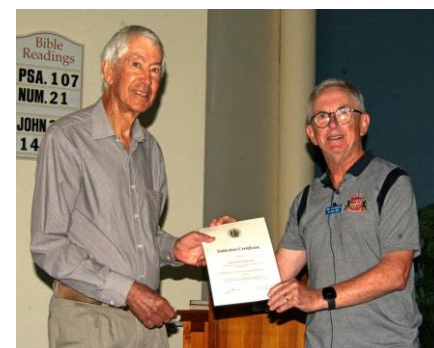
Suggestions forms are located on the sign in table at each meeting.

## MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS

6 members have cause to celebrate in April, so we wish a Happy Birthday to:

Dennis Gibbons	8 <sup>th</sup>
Chris Barber	9 <sup>th</sup>
George Oram	10 <sup>th</sup>
Kym Pennifold	12 <sup>th</sup>
Tony Earl	13 <sup>th</sup>
Barry Herbert	24 <sup>th</sup>

## NEW MEMBER – GRAHAM PEARCE



A very warm welcome to Graham Pearce who was inducted into the Club at our March Meeting.

Graham was introduced to the Club by Chris Barber who has been playing with Graham in bowling tournaments for a while.

Graham has lived in the district for the past 55 years. First at O'Halloran Hill and now at Education Road. He worked in mechanical engineering, with Kelvinator and then as a lecturer in Associate Diploma at TAFE. Graham took up Lawn Bowls originally for Happy Valley and now at Clarendon.

Please introduce yourself to Graham and make him feel welcome.

## DON'T FORGET

# Our next meeting is on

# 9<sup>th</sup> May

## President Darrell's Year in Review 2023 / 2024

I am pleased to present my President's Report for the period of my Presidency spanning May 2023 until today, the Club's 41<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting. Despite my Presidential Year not being the full 12 months due to a delayed 2023 AGM, it certainly feels like we have crammed 12 months of fun and friendship into just the 10 months.

Prior to reflecting on my year, **I want to thank my wife Margaret** for providing me with her support and patience, in particular during the period of my Presidency but also during the many years I have volunteered as the Club Secretary. I also acknowledge the support provided to the Club by Erin Thompson MP and Amanda Rishworth MP and their respective support staff.

I have benefited from the goodwill of all Club Members, but in particular **I wish to name a number of volunteers** without whom my year would not have been as successful. In no particular order, Bill, Bryan (with a Y), Trevor, Chris, Brian (with an I), Maurie, Ian, Kym, George, Graham S, Tony, Gerry K, Malcolm, Matt, Doug, Ern, Graeme F, Clive, and Dennis

On a monthly basis we all enjoyed **morning teas** delivered by Dion and then Tony and his band of helpers. The food contributions by many of our members were gratefully received (Trevor's scones, jam and cream were always a highlight) and helped to keep our purchasing costs down. It is always rewarding to witness the banter that takes place between our members over morning tea – a special friendship building time.

Brian (with an I) has again delivered a quality stream of **Guest speakers** who have educated, stimulated and at times amused us. Topics included: new astronomy; vintage and veteran cars; Occupation of Palestine; Fishcare; modern-day agricultural research; secrets and stories of North Terrace; Stroke Awareness; War on Waste; Life of a spy. A number of Members also spoke on their life and work experiences.

Many Members participated in some or all of the **outings** that were organised for the benefit of Members, including Brews & Bars Exhibition (Bill won the raffle); Australian Army Museum, North Adelaide historical walk; Aviation Museum, Parliament House tour & afternoon tea; Burra Adventure (15 participants) over 3 nights; Space Discovery Centre; Big Band Hopgood Theatre; Botanic Gardens Exhibition; Capri Theatre Boys and their toys; Noarlunga Model Rail (right up there on the interest scale); Hopgood Theatre Belles of Broadway; Gilbert & Sullivan & The Great Composers; Capri Theatre Music of Johnny Mercer; Wetlands Loop Trail Onkaparinga River; Nature Trail Circuit Engelbrook Reserve; History tour of Morphett Vale and Adelaide Equestrian Festival.

Regular **common interest activities** took place thanks to the dedicated organisers; including lawn bowls; movies & theatre; book exchange; walking; ROMEO lunches; photography; morning tea; beer appreciation; and gardening working bees in support of a few of our members.

Our **40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration** in December was a memorable highlight in the life of our Club and came soon after we conducted a "blue and yellow" morning tea and dress ups to commemorate **Probus Month** – lots of fun.

To help celebrate our Birthday we welcomed a special musical duo to entertain us with a variety of popular music. We also enjoyed a **Christmas luncheon** at Woodcroft Hotel in December – witnessing the fun and banter of the assembled fifty-five members and partners was extremely gratifying. Thanks again George.

I had the honour of **inducting** Tim Magor, Peter Dorsman, Eric Collyer, and Graham Pearce into membership of our Club and trust they enjoy the benefits of Probus membership for many years to come.

I also had the honour of awarding Jonathan and Frank with their **20-year Membership badges**.

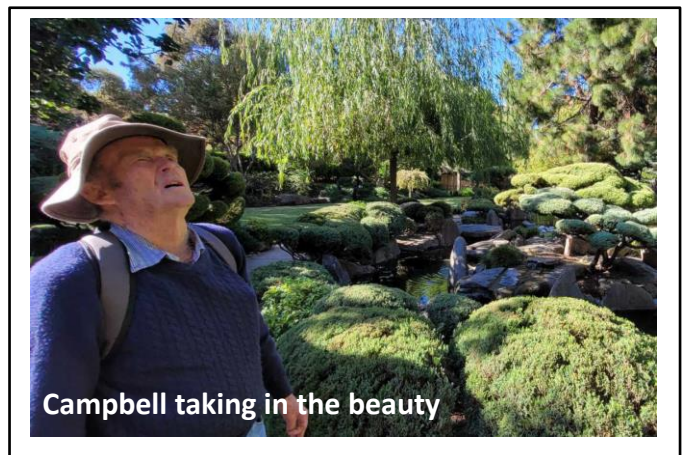
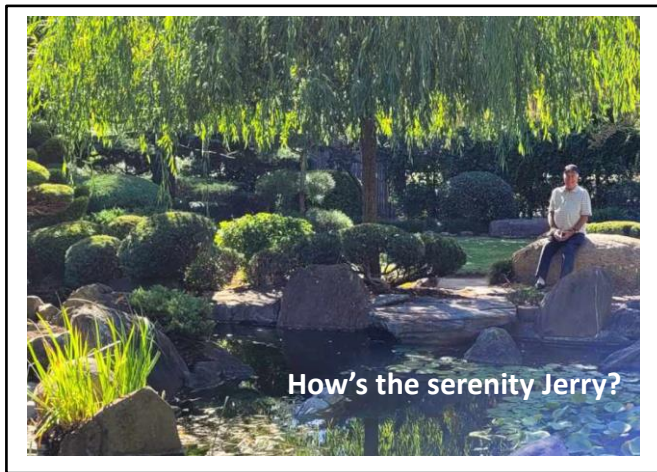
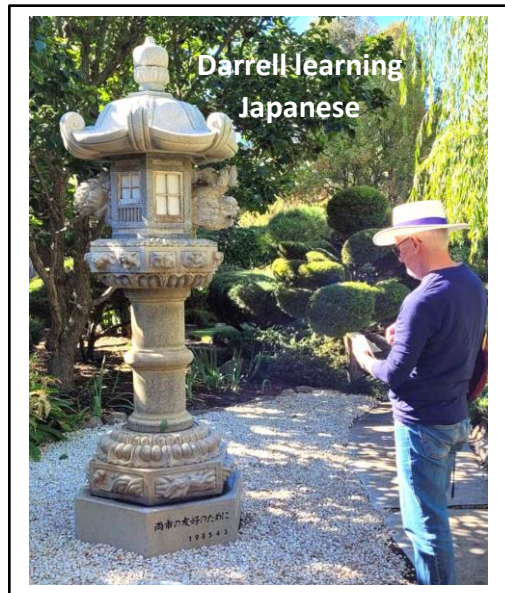
We sadly lost Ian Cole, Adrian Pimlott, Ian Bradley (Last surviving Foundation Member), Clem Hooper, Barry Marshall and Frank Esvelt from our Membership and former Member ranks – **RIP**.

**In conclusion**, I need to caution the Members that our numbers have continued their downward trend again this year, and with our average age of 81, we must all re-dedicate ourselves to identifying neighbours, friends, sporting / fitness group associates and any other members of your local social circles whom you believe would benefit from a social club such as ours; to meet new friends, hear from guest speakers, and enjoy activities and outings.

Best wishes to all Members and our incoming committee led by President Maurie.

*Darrell*

# Our latest photography outing at Himeji Gardens



**PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL DISTRIBUTION LIST**

Below is a list of where we currently have our club’s promotional material displayed. If you notice that any site has run out of material, please inform a committee member.

**The Hub**

- Library
- Woollies’ noticeboard
- Honey Bee Cafe
- Erin Thompson’s office
- SC community noticeboard
- Barber shop
- Baker’s Delight

**Aberfoyle Park**

- Church of Christ
- Canberra Drive Barber shop

**Flagstaff Hill**

- Barber shop
- Foodland
- Fish and chips shop
- Star Liquor

**O’Halloran Hill**

- Foodland

**CHURCH DEFIB UNIT INSTALLED**



The Defibrillation Unit has been installed in the entrance lobby near the main entrance.

A demonstration of how to use it will be held at the April General Meeting around 10:30.

**MARCH PROBUS LAWN BOWLERS**

We had another good turnout for lawn bowls this month with 8 members having a go. In a tight contest unfortunately the “good guys” lost.

The two team were:

- Bill G, Jonathan R, John W, Stephen L (good guys)
- Darrell W, Bryan O’S, Graham P, Ern D

**Beer Appreciation meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Brewery	Beer Name	Alcohol %	Look (8.0)	Taste (8.0)	Drinkability (4.0)	Overall Rating (20.0)	Price
Spangled Drongo	Pale Ale	4.4	4.0	6.0	2.0	12.0	N/A
Brick lane	Wild Sky Zero Carb Pale Ale	4.2	4.0	4.0	2.0	10.0	\$3.00
Coopers	Australian Large	4.2	5.0	5.0	4.0	14.0	N/A
Suburban Brewery	English Special Bitter (Flat 5)	5.3	6.0	7.0	4.0	17.0	\$5.50
Tradie	Pale Ale	4.2	6.0	7.0	3.0	16.0	\$2.00



## EXTERNAL COMMUNITY EVENTS OF INTEREST

The following events have been suggested by members and may be of interest to other members. These will not be organised within the Club as outings, but if you are interested in attending, **please contact the person who suggested the event for more information.**

### International Organist Series 2024 at Pilgrim Uniting Church, 12 Flinders Street, Adelaide.

Suggested by **John Whitman**

11 May 19:30 Dong-ill Shin (South Korea) \$40/\$50 (tickets required)

13 June 13:00 David Drury (Sydney). Free Entry (tickets required)

15 July 19:30 Olivier Latry (France) \$50/\$40 (tickets required)

26 September 13:00 Jennifer Chou (Melbourne). Free Entry (tickets required)

### Adelaide Town Hall Concerts

Suggested by **John Whitman**

22 May 12:30 Band of the South Australia Police. Free Entry (tickets required)

19 June 12:30 Organ Concert. Free Entry (tickets required)

### Active Elders Club at Active Elders Hall – 27a Charles Street, Ascot Park.

An Annual Cost of \$15 Is required

Suggested by **Ern Dunning**

Activities are run every Wednesday including such things as:

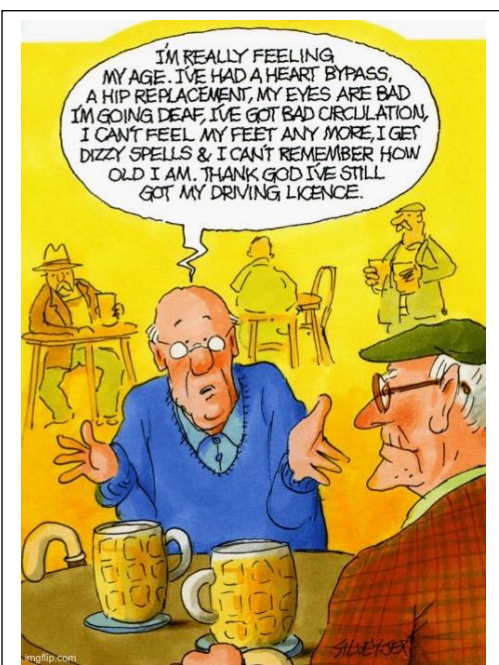
1 May Lunch at Maid of Auckland **Subsidised Cost**

8 May Clubroom Fun – Celebration of Mother's Day

15 May Entertainment at Clubroom – Cornish Choir

22 May Clubroom Fun – Indoor Bowls, Snooker, Wii Games, Afternoon Tea & Bingo

29 May Film Day – Lunch provided by the Club.



An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen.

The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly.'

The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant?'

The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know... The one that's red and has thorns.'

'Do you mean a rose?'

'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man.

He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'



## MEMBER FEEDBACK FROM 2023 MEMBER SURVEY /HEALTH CHECK

The following are the remaining feedback items received from one or more Members in the 2023 Member survey / health check.

**Feedback:** Members not aware that the club has a process for ensuring continuity that includes preparing Members for leadership positions, documenting procedures, and involving current, past, and future leaders in decisions

**Committee Response:** Detailed job description documents updated each year (last updated December 2023) in readiness for Committee nomination process. Potential new leaders have the benefit of these resources with a copy also held on the Club's website.

**Feedback:** Suggestions for table tennis, card playing and board game playing to be added to common interest groups.

**Committee Response:** The Club just needs coordinators to come forward to organize groups such as those suggested. Speak to The Club President or Secretary

**Feedback:** Club Website hard to access

**Committee Response:** Hands on small group website familiarization sessions are available. Speak to the Club President or Membership Officer who will arrange.

### 20 Not So Well Known Facts About Australia (there are another 30 but couldn't fit them in)

1. The Australian Alps get more snow than the Swiss Alps.
2. 90% of Australians live on the coast.
3. Tasmania has the cleanest air in the world.
4. The Great Barrier Reef is the largest ecosystem in the world. It is made up of nearly 3,000 individual reefs and can be seen from space.
5. Australia has over 60 separate wine regions.
6. Fraser Island is the largest sand island in the world.
7. The Indian Pacific train has the longest straight section of train track in the world.
8. The Great Ocean Road is the world's largest war memorial.
9. 80% of Australian animals are unique to Australia.
10. 5 km of Ayers Rock (Uluru) is underground.
11. Australia has the world's longest golf course measuring more than 1,350 kms long.
12. Australia is home to 21 of the world's 25 most venomous snakes.
13. Perth is the only city in the world which can have aircraft land in its CBD.
14. Australia is bigger than we realise, it's almost the same size as mainland USA.
15. The largest cattle station in the world is located in Australia, Anna Creek Ranch in South Australia and it's bigger than Israel.
16. The first Police Force in Australia was made up of the most well-behaved convicts.
17. It would take around 29 years to visit one new Aussie beach every day – there are 10,685 of them!
18. AFL invented to keep cricketers fit in the off season,
19. The world's largest rock is not actually Ayers Rock (Uluru), but Mount Augustus in Western Australia and actually twice the size of Ayers Rock.
20. Australia is the 6th largest country in the world.

## FLAGSTAFF HILL MEN'S PROBUS CLUB COMMON INTEREST GROUPS

Group	Co-Ordinator	Venue	Date & Time
Beer Appreciation	Jerry Vallance 0477 797 003	Home of Jerry Vallance	
Morning Tea	Darrell Wise 0431 087 027	Honey Bee Café Aberfoyle Park Hub	Monday 15th April @ 10:00am
Gardening	Matt Jevnikar 0400 493 258		
Movies & Theatre	Chris Barber 0410 567 265		
Photography	Kym Pennifold 0401 122 353	Glenthorne National Park Meet in Carpark  Lunch at Caffe Buongiorno O'Halloran Hill	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April @10:00am Car Pooling from church at 9.00am.  Lunch at 12:00
Walking	Gerry Kradolfer 0459 505 201  Malcolm Keam 0413 239 950	Byards Wetlands Nature Trail Happy Valley Community Centre Carpark Off Byards Road  Yellow Trail - Happy Valley Reservoir Beginning at the Main Entrance  Afterwards a coffee can be enjoyed at a local coffee shop	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April @ 9:30am  Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May @ 9:30am  Car Pooling from church at 9.00am. Partners welcome
Book Exchange	Ian Woolley 0424 419 642	Club General Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday monthly between 9:15am and 12 noon
ROMEO	George Oram 0400 106 701  Ian Woolley 0424 419 642	Morphett Arms Hotel 138 Morphett Road Glengowrie	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 12:30 pm
Wine Appreciation	Stephen Lockwood 0423 477 431		
Lawn Bowls	Bill Gates 0419 835 708	Happy Valley Bowling Club	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 10:00am