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**Bryan
Parker**

THE COMBINED PROBUS
CLUB of NOOSA Inc.

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(above is a link to the Club's website)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



How time has flown - has it been only a year since I became President?

The month of March is named after Mars - Roman God of War. It also marks the change in seasons with the onset of Autumn, a more settled season. With our Club it marks the transition from one President to the next and a new Committee.

Pisceans born roughly between 19th February to March 20th are the 12th and final sign of the Zodiac, often described as having absorbed the lessons and traits of all the signs that came before them.

Even at my age I'm still learning lessons which hopefully are helpful in keeping the mind sharp.

My heartfelt thanks to my team for their enthusiasm and support throughout the year.

I wish Kathy and her team all the very best for the coming year.

Bryan Parker

Thought for the Month:

If you don't like the road you're walking, start paving another one.

The Combined Probus Club of Noosa

Annual General Meeting
2nd March 2026
9.30 am

REGULAR ACTIVITIES DIARY MARCH

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE	TIME	CONVENORS
	Apologies March MEETING	cnp.membership@gmail.com	ASAP before Thurs26 Feb	
First MON- DAY 2 March	March AGM MEETING	Noosa Golf Club	9.30 am	
The first TUESDAY after monthly Meeting 3 March	IRON POTS TOPIC: How does Australia fix its housing problem?	HOSTS: The Hendersons Laguna	2.00 pm	David Henderson 0404 295 146
First THURSDAY 5 March	COFFEE & CHAT Peregian	Outer Square, Peregian Beach, near IGA	10.00 am	Robert Hill 0427 544 810
Second TUESDAY 10 March	SCRAMBLED EGGHEADS Discussion group	Contact Susan	4.00 pm	Susan Beaver 0439 758 746
Second THURSDAY 12 March	COFFEE & CHAT Marina	Noosa Marina Parkyn Place	10.00 am	Max Bourne 0412 728 911
Second FRIDAY 13 March	WALKERS' OUTING	MEET: <i>First carpark on left after Hastings St. Walk along Doggy Beach. Coffee at Food Court, Bay Village.</i>	8.00 am	David Moore 0490 369 078
Third WEDNESDAY 18 March	TIPPLERS ANONYMOUS	Noosa Yacht Club <u>Please advise Margaret if you will be staying for dinner.</u>	4.00 pm	Margaret Jorgenson 0409 179 365
The last SATURDAY 28 March	DRINKS BY THE RIVER	Gympie Terrace opposite Zachary's	4.00 pm	JUST TURN UP- BYO drinks, nibbles and a chair

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES DIARY MARCH

This is what our SPECIAL ACTIVITIES Diary looks like when no one has volunteered!

Robyn Holliday & Joy Pollard are always appreciated for convening the regular, well-attended performances brought to us by the Noosa Arts Theatre.

Please don't be shy if you have not convened an event before.
Just call ROB with your idea, or ask him to suggest one. He will guide you on how to make it happen— you can ask for support—and everyone will appreciate your effort.

Picnic in a park? A movie? Lunch in a Pub? Breakfast?

ROB VAN WEGEN Activities Director 0414 547 469

SUNDAY	<i>"Steel Magnolias"</i>	NOOSA ARTS THEATRE	2.00 PM	\$27.00	Robyn Holliday
22 March				Pay By 11 MARCH	0419 342522
				Code: MAG+surname	

Joy Pollard
0490 151361

Wed	APRIL	ROYAL MAIL HOTEL, TEWANTIN	12.00 PM	Pay on the day	Joan Henderson
15 <u>APRIL</u>	Lunch				0414 373 687



Fran Armitage

David Henderson

Lois Hill

Marika Langley

Suzanne Lee

Bryan Parker



Marilyn van Wegen

General Meeting Notice

Monday, 2nd March 2026
9.00am for 9.30am start
Noosa Golf Club, 46 Cooroy Noosa Rd.
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Please ARRIVE IN PLENTY OF TIME, check-in at the Registration Desk and be seated by 9.30am.

MEETING FEES - \$10 Visitors & Non-Active Members. Please bring correct change.

MEETING APOLOGIES

Active Members unable to attend, please email cnp.membership@gmail.com titled

MEMBER APOLOGY – FirstName Surname

MEETING ACCEPTANCES

Non-Active Members who would like to attend, please email cnp.membership@gmail.com titled

NON-ACTIVE MEMBER ATTENDING – First-Name Surname

Visitors who would like to attend, please email cnp.membership@gmail.com titled

VISITOR ATTENDING – FirstName Surname

Members bringing friends, please email cnp.membership@gmail.com titled

FIRST NAME SURNAME – Bringing friends and include friends' details in the email body.

RSVP DEADLINE (*new*)

asap or by 4.00pm, Wednesday 25 February 2026

EMAIL is preferred for responses; however, phone calls or text messages are also accepted. BUT please DO NOT contact us on the day of the meeting.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

If you anticipate being absent for two or more meetings (such as for holidays or medical reasons), please submit a **Leave of Absence** application. Forms are available at the Registration Desk, on the Club's website, or requested via email.

CHANGES TO CONTACT DETAILS

If your contact details change, please notify us by email so that the Member Contacts List or Emergency Contacts List can be updated.

PRISCILLA FRANKLIN & ANN MULLIGAN
Membership Officers

e: cnp.membership@gmail.com

This Happened to Me

Members - Do you have an interesting, unusual, eventful, amusing story or happening? We would love to hear about it.

If wanted, Bernie can prepare a 5 minute Power Point Presentation.

Bernie Stringer 0416 034 837

SPECIAL DATE

THE
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WILL CELEBRATE OUR
30TH ANNIVERSARY
DURING THIS YEAR.

THERE WILL BE
VARIOUS
ACTIVITIES TO
CELEBRATE THIS
MILESTONE

&

THE PROBUS PLAYERS
WILL PERFORM
AT
THE OCTOBER
MEETING

**HELP CELEBRATE OUR
30TH ANNIVERSARY**

Be part of our celebration book
Submissions welcome on the following
topics (or other suggestions)
Approximately 50—100 words

- *The Future of the Club*
- *What you think are the very best aspects of our Club*
- *An interesting snippet about something that significantly impacted your life. Add an image?*

Submissions to Kathy Mitchell and Anne Oxley
DUE DATE: 30 May 2026
kathymitchell1@me.com
annetony311@gmail.com

**HELP CELEBRATE OUR
30TH ANNIVERSARY**

Let us join together to record the
events that have made our Club
so special

*Calling everyone who has
organised an event, both regularly
or as a 'one-off' or one that is no-
longer occurring.
Submit a few paragraphs about it
and an image if available.*

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**ROYAL MAIL HOTEL
TEWANTIN**



<< LUNCH >>

**Wednesday April 15th
12:00 mid-day
Pay on the day**

Convenor : Joan Henderson
0414-373-687



**Ha ha!
Thanks to Kathy Mitchell
for this.**



Date: Sunday 22 March —2pm
Cost : \$27.00 **Code:** 'Mag' plus sur-name
Pay By—11 March 2026

Tickets distributed on day at Theatre

Set entirely in a beauty salon in small-town Louisiana, **Steel Magnolias** offers a window into six women's lives as they navigate weddings, babies, heartbreaks and healing. The play unfolds across four separate days, over three years, at the salon.

Members please note: EFT Bank deposits can take 2 days to appear in our Bank Account. Please ensure you have paid in time & included your surname.

Convenors: Robyn Holliday - 0419 342 522 Joy Pollard— 0490 151 361

RAINMAKERS CAMP HEADSUP

Future dates as yet unconfirmed

APRIL 20—24 Kingaroy

JUNE 15—19 Redbrook

AUGUST 31– SEPT 4 Esk

NOVEMBER 16—20 Burrum Heads

**URGENTLY SEEKING
VOLUNTEER EDITOR FOR OUR BULLETIN
PLEASE Step Up. Creativity assistance invited—
and on the job assistance.
Our Club is looking for a new Bulletin editor.
Training and support and equipment provided.
Do you enjoy writing, editing or helping keep members
informed?
Please contact our President for more information.**

For February's THIS HAPPENED TO ME,
Probus member, Noel Taylor, spoke about the day a bushfire threatened
Peregian Springs and Peregian Beach.
He also read out his excellent poem about the experience and we are happy to share it here.

Fires Flames and Fears

Some dates in our lives we will always remember
For the folks in Peregian it's the 9th of September
As on that day - some teens lit a fire
Not realising the outcome would be so dire
In a matter of minutes, a flaming disaster
With windy conditions, the fire travelled faster
Peregian residents were told - Evacuate!
"Leave your home immediately - before it's too late"
Everyone did just what they were told
The entire population - from the young to the old
As this was happening the Firies did arrive
Their mission was clear - assist all to survive
With skill and professionalism - they walked to the flames
They bravely stepped up - we will never know their names
A firestorm of embers swirled all around
With steely determination they all stood their ground
Directing their hoses - without fear or fright
They kept on going - all thru' the night
When daybreak came the flames were still there
So in flew the helicopters, dropping water from the air

The fire began to slow - we all said Thank Heaven!
Then suddenly overhead, appeared a Boeing 737
This aircraft had no passengers - that I can tell
Brought in to discharge a fire retardant gel
The sight of that jet flying so low
Brought a sense of relief to the Firies below
They were winning the battle – getting ready to cheer
Their parched dry throats needing a cold beer

Now at this point, I really must say
When a danger is sensed, most folk run away
But not our Firies - they know no fear
That's why we're safe - all of us here
Our lives, homes and pets and all that we own
We have them intact - we should never ever moan!
So THANK YOU brave Firies to each and everyone
We salute you for everything that you've done
Now as you wrap up and everyone goes
Remember from us – You're our HEROES!

Noel G Taylor

CHINA reportedly has 50 “Ghost Cities” with around 65 million empty homes. Enough to house the population of France!



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PLEASE USE THE SUGGESTION BOX on the Activities Table at the monthly meetings. The Committee welcomes your suggestions.

Please include constructive ideas and any research or thoughts on how your proposal might be implemented.

Any details we collect as part of your Membership of Combined Probus Club of Noosa will be used only for the purpose of the Membership List, Member Communications and other Probus record-keeping in accordance with the Probus guidelines.

For internet banking

**The Probus account details are
BSB 064439
Account 10052128.
Commonwealth Bank.
Combined Probus Club of Noosa Inc.
CODE + your
SURNAME
Treasurer's email:
cnp.treasurer@gmail.com
Please register before paying.**

**DEADLINE
for April Bulletin
Wednesday, 18 March 4:00 pm**

NOTICE

Annual General Meeting

2nd MARCH 2026

The Combined Probus Club is holding its
Annual General meeting
at the
2nd March, 2026 Meeting
9.30 a.m.

It is the chance for you to honour the commitment
You made to the club when you joined
and to step up for a position
on the Committee.

The Club cannot continue without a full Committee.

The Committee meets
Only once per month on the same day as our monthly
Meetings.

The Committee positions are not onerous and it is a great
way to know more
About the Club and to better know the members.

If you would like to find out more, please contact
President, Bryan or Vice President, Kathy.



The Combined Probus Club of Noosa Inc

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NOMINATION FORM FOR POSITIONS ON THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2026/27

All committee positions are up for re-nomination. Please feel welcome to nominate.

Kindly indicate your interest in taking up a position on the Management Committee in 2026/27 and return this form to the Secretary.

Nominations close at the *Club Meeting on 2nd March 2026*

I hereby nominate

To the position of: *(Please Tick)*

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Membership (2 positions)
- Activities
- Bulletin and Communications

Nominated by:-----
please sign and print your name

Seconded by: ----- *please sign and print your name*

Nomination to the above position accepted by:

Nominee: -----
please sign & print your name

Date : -----