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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

What a way to celebrate our 30th Anniversary. Our April meeting was so good with the passing of the Motion to confer Life Membership on two of our long time, outstanding members, Laurie Cowled and Margaret Jorgensen. If you want to know more about Margaret, check for the link to an article by her in this Bulletin or go to our website (listed under May).

We also had a talk by Mike Sackett, who spoke about his travels around the world with his various positions with the UN. Did you know he came to Australia as a '10 Pound Migrant', settling initially in PNG? He is not our only member who came to our country through this scheme.

On that note, I am seeking input about members and their various, interesting backgrounds and employments for either our Bulletin, 30 Year Booklet, or to post on our Internet. If you want to share an interesting past or special occasion please email me.

Chrissy has finally managed a sunny day for her Mini-Golf, the Iron Pots had an interesting discussion about how the Media are performing and our Coffee & Chat groups continue. Don't forget Tipplers at the Yacht Club.

If you are interested in a discussion group, how about forming a second group for Iron Pots or Scrambled Eggheads. Often numbers are limited due to meeting at the homes of members but we can have two groups. If interested, speak with me and let's get our brains rattling and include new members or old ones who desire new interests.

Have a great month and make merry in May.

Kathy Mitchell

President

GUEST SPEAKER

Frank Mattus
President of the Noosa Men's Shed



His talk is on Australian native bees; a subject he knows well.

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THIS HAPPENED TO ME

Kathy Mitchell



"From my mysterious past"

Thanks for stepping-up at the last minute to do this talk, Kathy.

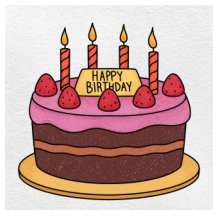
REGULAR ACTIVITIES M A Y

<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>CONVENORS</u>
By 4.00 pm Wednesday 29 April	Apologies April Meeting	cnp.membership@gmail.com	Priscilla Maggie	0423 143 574 0431 378 488
First MONDAY 4 MAY	April MEETING	Noosa Golf Club	9.30 am	
The first TUESDAY after monthly meeting 5 MAY	IRON POTS	HOSTS: The Armitages	2.00 pm	David Henderson 0404 295 146
<p>TOPIC: To be advised</p>				
First THURSDAY 7 MAY	COFFEE & CHAT Peregian	Outer Square, Peregian Beach, near IGA	10.00 am	Robert Hill 0427 544 810
Second TUESDAY 12 MAY	SCRAMBLED EGGHEADS Discussion group	Contact Susan	4.00 pm	Susan Beaver 0439 758 746
Second THURSDAY 14 MAY	COFFEE & CHAT Marina	<u>NOTE NEW VENUE</u> at the Marina Café VinCino	10.00 am	Max Bourne 0412 728 911
Second FRIDAY 8 MAY	WALKERS' OUTING		8.00 am	David Moore 0490 369 078
<p>MEET at the junction of Homebush Drive at the end of Golf Course Drive off the Cooroy/ Noosa Road in Tewantin. Walk in Tewantin National Park. Afterwards at Cafe VinCino, Marina.</p>				
Third WEDNESDAY 20 MAY	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 30 MAY	DRINKS BY THE RIVER	Gympie Terrace opposite Zachary's	4.00 pm	JUST TURN UP- BYO drinks, nibbles and a chair

DEADLINE for JUNE Bulletin Wednesday 20 MAY

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES—MAY

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE	TIME/COST PAY BY	CONVENOR
Thursday 21 MAY	PIZZA & DRINKS	RACV RESORT	5.00 PM PAY AT VENUE	FRAN ARMITAGE farmitage4567@icloud. com
Sunday 24 MAY	“Vanya, Sonia, Masha & Spike”	NOOSA ARTS THEATRE	2.00 PM \$27.00 PAY BY 13 MAY CODE: NAT5+ Surname	Robyn Holliday 0419 342 522 Joy Pollard 0490 151 361
23 MAY to 30 MAY	Tour	Norfolk Island	Finalised	Maureen Johnston 0429 645 075
JUNE Upcoming Special Activities				
Thursday 11 JUNE	PICNIC IN THE WOODS	NOOSA WOODS	12.00 PM	ALAN ARMITAGE abarm@bigpond.com
Wednesday 3 JUNE	COASTAL DRIVE, Morning Coffee then Lunch at Bli Bli Hotel	Picturesque coast & beautiful areas	9.00 AM THE J CARPARK	JOY & GORDON POLLARD 0490 151 361



MAY

John Chantler

Kathy Mitchell

Eileen Sackett

Life Membership for two of our long time, outstanding members
Laurie Cowled & Margaret Jorgensen



Margaret Jorgensen submitted an article about her life and love of music. Please find her reflections on our internet at <https://noosacombinedprobus.yolasite.com/bulletin.php> under MAY .

NOOSA ARTS THEATRE



*DATE: Sun 24 May 2pm

Cost: \$27.00

Code: NAT5

Pay BY: 13th May

Tkts distributed on day at Theatre

SYNOPSIS - Please read synopsis –it will help you decide! **Directed by Tania Nash**

Drama, Delusion and Delicious Dysfunction.

A riotously funny and surprisingly heartfelt comedy, *Vanya, Sonia, Masha and Spike* follows **three middle-aged siblings** and their glamorous movie-star sister as they clash over money, meaning, and **missed opportunities**. Inspired by Chekhov but firmly rooted in modern neuroses, the play skewers entitlement, artistic despair, and the terror of being left behind — with psychic prophecies, costume dramas, and one unforgettable housekeeper. Winner of the 2013 Tony Award for Best Play and Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Play.

Again we are on a very tight pay-by schedule for this show but I am sure it will be worth the effort. Could members wishing to attend ensure they have paid by the due date to help Convenors with Theatre purchase date & seat allocation.

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



April meeting room, Speaker Mike Sackett, Colette Taylor, Bill Hearn and Henig Nielsen with David Moore

**Probus Foundation Member
Pam Robinson
was Club President
June 2010-2011**



Born the youngest of seven children in a tiny agricultural village in Norfolk, England, I attended the village school. It was presided over by 'Sally Upton' who only had one leg. I never thought to ask, "What happened to the other one?"

When I was eleven years old my mother and I came to join my oldest brother living in Melbourne, leaving my other siblings behind. I enrolled at Eltham High School, a huge cultural school. This was a district populated largely by artists and academics where I was exposed to a completely new lifestyle full of new ideas and experiences.

On leaving school I trained as a nurse and married a teacher, with whom I moved to Morwell in the Latrobe Valley. I worked at The Cottage Hospital there for two years then we moved back to Eltham where we bought a 'mud' house and set about adding an extension making mud bricks and rendering the walls with cow dung render. I also had a day job working in the Special Clinics department at the Royal Women's Hospital. In 1967 my daughter was born but I soon tired of domestic life so combined with a neighbour to establish a craft shop, where we sold local craft and were also responsible for the proliferation of caftans, beads headbands and Indian sandals around Eltham in the 'sixties'! We had a 25 year partnership and built a gallery where we sold paintings, Persian rugs, antiques and a myriad of 'stuff'.

During this time my son was born and we moved further into the country, where we established a small coloured sheep stud and I was a dab hand at dagging, crutching and drenching. We also ran a pony stud and were involved with our children in the local Pony Club. Meanwhile my husband had become an academic and we had several exchanges and sabbaticals to both the US and the UK. In the UK, I re-established close contact with my siblings, which was wonderful.

In 1992 after a marital separation and the children grown and independent, I realised a long held ambition and moved to Noosa. My business partner and her husband decided to move north as well, so we sold our business and bought an old block of units on Gympie Terrace. Living there was my idea of heaven. We sold out in 1997 and I commenced a buying, renovating and selling frenzy which lasted for 10 years until I retired.

I was a founding member of this Club and have served as Treasurer and President. I have some wonderful friends in the Club and continue to enjoy many of the functions. I now share my time between Tewantin and a property in outer Melbourne next door to children and grandchildren.

Life is good, but 'my mind still tends to make appointments my body can't keep'.

Pam Robinson

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES
for your diary
JUNE

PICNIC IN THE WOODS

THURSDAY 11 JUNE
12.00 pm

**Bring chairs, table, food, drinks and lots of
good humour**

**To locate the car park, drive down Hastings Street then
continue on Claude Batten Drive towards the Spit.
Look out for balloons hung on the car park sign.
Alan (or other) will be at the car park
to provide direction to the picnic area and assist
in the movement of chairs etc.**

A tea and coffee making facility will be set up.

Convenor : Alan Armitage
Register by email : abarm@bigpond.com



COASTAL DRIVE - MORNING COFFEE AND LUNCH.

Wednesday June 3
9.00am

**Come for a drive along our stunning coast and see some beautiful areas that have
been developed while we were all asleep in Noosa.**

**We'll meet at the rear of the "J" parking area at the Junction at 9.00am. All the details
will be given to participants before we set off.**

Lunch will be at the Bli Bli Hotel. A choice of 6 main meals, each one is \$18.00

Convenors—Gordon & Joy Pollard 0490 151 361

General Meeting Notice

Monday, 4th May 2026
9.00am for 9.30am start
Noosa Golf Club, 46 Cooroy Noosa Rd.
Tewantin

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 APOLOGY

Active Members unable to attend, please email cnp.membership@gmail.com with the subject **MEMBER APOLOGY – Your Name**

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Non-Active Members If you'd like to attend, please email cnp.membership@gmail.com with the subject **NON-ACTIVE MEMBER ATTENDING – Your Name**

Visitors If you'd like to attend, please email cnp.membership@gmail.com with the subject **VISITOR ATTENDING – Your Name**

Members bringing friends, please email cnp.membership@gmail.com with the subject **Your Name – Bringing friends**
Include your friends' details in the email.

RSVP DEADLINE

asap or by 4.00pm, Wednesday 29 April 2026

We prefer responses by email, but phone calls or text is fine. Please don't contact us on the meeting day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

If you expect to be 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, accessed via the Club's Website or requested by email.

CHANGES TO CONTACT DETAILS

If your contact information changes, kindly inform us by email so that the Member Contacts List can be updated accurately.

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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?

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

DUE DATE: 30 May 2026
Submissions to Kathy Mitchell and Anne Oxley

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GORDON setting up the Hole In One



Mini Golf Afternoon

The sun shone. The Members giggled. The teams stepped up for a very successful Mini Golf Challenge. What a relief that the weather was kind to us and we finally got to experience the fun of mini golf with our fellow members. Special mention must go to Gordon Pollard who not only got the lowest score but also shot a hole in one! Who knew we had a champion in our club?

I was almost bankrupt after promising to buy drinks for the best scores and any holes in one. I couldn't believe how many people had such keen talents and putted those little balls straight into those tiny holes with ease. I would like to thank all those members who gave up their Friday afternoon to share in the fun. You helped make my first organising event easy and enjoyable. What a wonderful group of people to share the fun with.

Chrissy Pobar-Williamson—Convenor

Thanks Chrissy for writing a terrific descriptive report and convening such a fun event.



**Maggie & Billy
reading the green**

Marilyn & Rob



surveying the situation

ROYAL MAIL HOTEL LUNCH— 15 April

Just a few photos of the lunch. . . To see all photos go check out our website



Thank you Joan Henderson for convening this great lunch enjoyed by everyone

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David Henderson

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

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Account 10052128.
Commonwealth Bank.
Combined Probus Club of Noosa Inc.
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Treasurer's email:
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Please register before paying.

Queensland Government House Marks 50 Years of Probus

Queensland Government House Marks 50 Years of Probus Friendship, fellowship and community spirit, warmly celebrated at Queensland Government House on 9 April 2026, as the Governor of Queensland, Dr Jeannette Young, hosted a special reception to mark a remarkable milestone: 50 years of Probus in Australia.

I was honoured to attend as the representative of the Combined Probus Club of Noosa and to be part of such a significant milestone. The event brought together over 50 participants, representing 162 Probus Clubs from across Queensland to recognise the remarkable contribution Probus has made to the wellbeing and quality of life of retirees over the past half-century.

While many attendees were from city based clubs, I enjoyed connecting with members from all regions. The evening was filled with engaging conversations, camaraderie, and inspiring stories, all underpinned by a shared commitment to community. The Governor underscored the increasing importance of Probus as Australia's population ages, noting its pivotal role in fostering social connections among retirees.

By promoting friendship, lifelong learning, and active community involvement, Probus helps older Australians remain dynamic and valued members of society. Her Excellency spoke of the many Probus groups welcomed to Government House for guided tours, noting their enthusiasm and interest. She invited more clubs to visit and assured a warm welcome, including tea and shortbread biscuits.

A personal highlight was meeting the Governor, who was pleasantly surprised to learn I had travelled from the Sunshine Coast. Her warm welcome and encouragement reminded me of the value our club brings, not just locally but as part of a much larger network of friends and volunteers. The event was a testament to the enduring strength of Probus in Australia. Our club, along with others, continues to foster lasting friendships and support in our communities. It was a memorable experience, and I look forward to further promoting the Probus spirit in the year ahead.

Priscilla Franklin
Membership Officer

