

President:

**Kathy Mitchell**



**THE COMBINED PROBUS  
CLUB of NOOSA Inc.**

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

**PO Box 1261,  
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**4566  
No.08**

**September  
2026**



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

What will I do with my time now the Anniversary book is complete? Well I joined many members for a very enjoyable and ably guided walk in the Noosa Botanic Gardens one sunny Sunday morning and enjoyed the day trip to Brisbane, visiting Government House and Mount Coot-Tha. Furthermore, I fully intend to take my chair to the River on the last Saturday of the month, 29 August, so I hope to catch up with many members.

Bernie is full steam ahead for the Celebration performance of the Probus Players at the October meeting and his band of Players are doing their best to rise to his expectations. I ask all members at the meeting to join in and help us less talented. I encourage members to wear yellow or blue or both (and some pearls) for our 30th anniversary meeting. An invitation was extended to our local Member, Sandy Bolton MP, and she has graciously accepted. No speeches, just terrific acknowledgement of our achievements.

Bill will be conducting our September meeting in my absence (thank you Bill) and inducting three new members and I extend a warm welcome to them: Suzanne, Christine and Peter.

David will be organising a special walk in September, for the 30th anniversary of our club, and our participation in the 50th anniversary 'Virtual Walk' for Probus Australia. Please join in, even if just for a coffee afterwards. September is busy with this walk, theatre and pizza as well as regular activities. Enjoy.

Our book is available free on the website or in 'hard' copy \$22. Normal banking BOOK + name. Have fun and make new friends.

*Kathy Mitchell*



### **GUEST SPEAKER**

**Our Treasurer**

**DAVID LEE**

**will speak about his  
BEES.**

**"Mapis Mallifera - the European Honey Bee"**

**Most people know about Honey Bees, they make honey,  
they live in hives, they sting people and they have a  
Queen who runs the hive—or does she?**

**I'll speak about the life of a bee and how they  
communicate, the amount of honey they produce and who  
does what and when in the hive—they really are busy  
little bees!**

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### **This Happened to Me**



**"Shock & Awe!"**

**Chrissy  
Pobar-Williamson**

# REGULAR ACTIVITIES

# SEPTEMBER

| WHEN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | WHAT                                                    | WHERE                                                                    | TIME     | CONVENORS                                           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| By 4.00pm<br>Wed 2 Sep                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Apologies<br>Sept Meeting                               | cnp.membership@gmail.com                                                 |          | Priscilla<br>0423 143 574<br>Maggie<br>0431 378 488 |
| First<br>MONDAY<br>7 Sept                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Sept<br>MEETING                                         | Noosa Golf Club                                                          | 9.30 am  |                                                     |
| First<br>TUESDAY<br>after monthly<br>Meeting<br>8 Sept                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | IRON POTS<br>Discussion Group                           | Hosts: The Armitages                                                     | 2.00 pm  | David Henderson<br>0404 295 146                     |
| Does the current rate of net migration to Australia significantly contribute to an unmanageable increasing cost of houses/rent, increasing rates of crime and strain on infrastructure (schools, hospitals, roads, power and police services)? Please advise your attendance for catering. |                                                         |                                                                          |          |                                                     |
| First<br>THURSDAY<br>3 Sept.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | COFFEE &<br>CHAT<br>Peregian                            | Outer Square,<br>Peregian Beach,<br>near IGA                             | 10.00 am | Robert Hill<br>0427 544 810                         |
| Second<br>TUESDAY<br>8 Sept                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | SCRAMBLED<br>EGGHEADS<br>Discussion group               | Contact Susan                                                            | 4.00 pm  | Susan Beaver<br>0439 758 746                        |
| Second<br>THURSDAY<br>10 Sept                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | COFFEE &<br>CHAT<br>Marina                              | Noosa Marina<br>Café Vin Cino                                            | 10.00 am | Max Bourne<br>0412 728 911                          |
| Second<br>FRIDAY<br>11 Sept                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | WALKERS'<br>OUTING                                      |                                                                          | 8.00 am  | David Moore<br>0490 369 078                         |
| Meet at the Noosa Yacht club for a walk along Gympie Terrace to celebrate 30 Years of our various Walking groups. Coffee and nostalgia at the Boathouse afterwards. All walkers—potential, current and historic are welcome.                                                               |                                                         |                                                                          |          |                                                     |
| Third<br>WEDNESDAY<br>16 Sept                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | TIPPLERS<br>ANONYMOUS                                   | Noosa Yacht Club<br><i>Please advise Margaret if<br/>you are coming.</i> | 4.00 pm  | Margaret<br>Jorgenson<br>0409 179 365               |
| The last<br>SATURDAY<br>26 Sept                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | DRINKS by the<br>RIVER<br>BYO Drinks,<br>Nibbles, Chair | Gympie Terrace<br>opposite Zachary's                                     | 4.00 pm  | <b>JUST TURN UP<br/>IF WEATHER<br/>PERMITS</b>      |
| Fourth<br>MONDAY<br>28 Sept                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | NUTCRACKERS<br>Discussion Group                         | Noosa Waters Retirement<br>Estate - Clubrooms                            | 10.00 am | Sue Bendt<br>0412 976 714                           |
| TOPIC To be advised .<br>Please advise your attendance for morning tea catering. Everyone welcome.                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                         |                                                                          |          |                                                     |

**DEADLINE for OCTOBER Bulletin Wed 23 Sept**

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## September

| WHEN                   | WHAT                                                                  | WHERE                 | TIME/COST<br>PAY BY                  | CONVENOR                                                        |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thurs<br>10 September  | <b>PIZZA<br/>NIGHT</b>                                                | RACV Resort           | 5.00 pm<br>Pay at venue<br>\$20—\$30 | Fran Armitage<br>farmitage4567<br>@icloud.com                   |
| Sunday<br>13 September | “You’re a good<br>man<br><b>CHARLIE<br/>BROWN</b> ”<br>The<br>Musical | NOOSA ARTS<br>THEATRE | 2.00 pm<br>FINALISED                 | Joy Pollard<br>0490 151 361<br>Siegrid Couchman<br>0402 624 800 |

## LOTS OF special EVENTS IN OCTOBER

|                                                                                                |                                                                |                                                |                                                              |                                 |
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| Monday<br>5 October                                                                            | <b>Probus<br/>Players’<br/>Tribute -<br/>our 30th<br/>year</b> | At the Probus<br>Meeting                       | 9.30 am                                                      | Bernie Stringer<br>0416 034 837 |
| Monday<br>12 October<br><small>Bookings and Menu<br/>Choices Close:<br/>25th September</small> | <b>OCTOBER-<br/>FEST<br/>Lunch</b>                             | LAGUNA<br>Retirement Estate<br>The Forum       | 12.00 pm<br>\$57<br>OKTF+surname<br>Pay by 2 Oct             | Lois Hill<br>0419 867 122       |
| <u>Date TBA<br/>October</u>                                                                    | <b>GO<br/>KART<br/>Event<br/>&amp; LUNCH</b>                   | Landsborough<br>LUNCH AT<br>“DAISY’S<br>PLACE” | Meet at the J<br>9.00 am<br>Car Pool<br>Pay at Go Kart track | Bryan Parker<br>0431 064 366    |
| Wednesday<br>28 October                                                                        | <b>MOON-<br/>MOUNTAIN<br/>Sanctuary,<br/>&amp; Lunch</b>       | Eumundi                                        | Free Admission<br>Meet at the J<br>8.45 am<br>Car Pool       | Valerie Sadlier<br>0408 229 118 |

### For your Diary — NOVEMBER

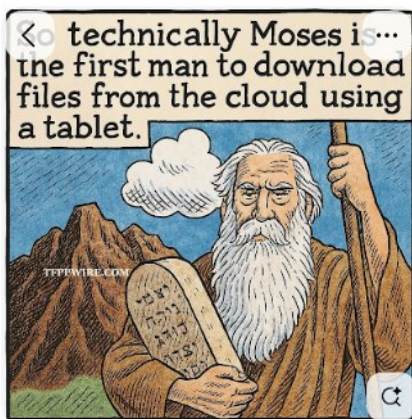
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| Tuesday<br>10 November | <b>Lunch</b>               | BOATHOUSE<br>Noosa River                  | 12.30 pm<br>\$45.00<br>Pay by 2 NOV<br>BOH11+surname | Neville Motley<br>0406 448 007 |
| 16—20<br>November      | <b>Rainmakers<br/>Camp</b> | Burrum Heads<br>Hillcrest Caravan<br>Park | Book directly                                        | David Moore<br>0490 369 078    |





## EVENT FINALISED

**Tickets distributed at September meeting.**



# PIZZA NIGHT



**RACV Resort**  
**Thursday**

**10th September**

**5.00 pm**

**Pay at venue \$20 - \$30**

Convenor : Fran Armitage  
farmitage4567@icloud.com



**NOT TO BRAG  
OR ANYTHING  
BUT I CAN FORGET  
WHAT I'M DOING  
WHILE I'M DOING IT.**

**My ancestors navigated  
the ocean using the stars  
and I'm over here  
missing my exits  
with a GPS.**

**Scenic Drive,  
Go Kart Race Event & Lunch at 'DAISY'S PLACE'  
OCTOBER—date to be advised**

**Rob will guide us on a picturesque drive with a morning tea stop - arrive at Go Kart track, Landsborough, around 11.00 and head off for Lunch at 12.00 pm at DAISY'S PLACE. If you prefer not to race, why not just come along for the drive and watch the the action in comfort on the sidelines—and enjoy lunch afterwards?**



**PAY AT THE  
GO KART TRACK  
\$65 includes a  
disposable \$5  
Balaclava worn  
under a safety  
helmet.**

THE BIGGEST JOKE ON MANKIND IS THAT COMPUTERS HAVE STARTED ASKING HUMANS TO PROVE THAT THEY AREN'T A ROBOT.

A hacker called me and said he had all my passwords. I got a pen and paper and said, 'Thank God for that, what are they?'

I tried the Japanese method of decluttering where you hold every object that you own and if it does not bring you joy, you throw it away. So far I have thrown out all of the vegetables, my bra, the electric bill, the scale, a mirror and my treadmill.

Today's maths problem: If George is 68 and his girlfriend is 22, how much money does George have?

The three stages of life: Wanting stuff. Accumulating stuff. Getting rid of stuff.

You know you're getting old when 'friends with benefits' means having someone who can drive at night.

Went swimming today. Took a pee in the deep end. Lifeguard noticed. Blew his whistle so loud I almost fell in.

I personally think the worst time to have a heart attack is during a game of charades.





## Oktoberfest Lunch

The Forum, Laguna Retirement Estate  
 Monday 12th October  
 12.00 pm  
 \$57.00 CODE: OKTF + surname  
 Pay by 2nd October

**Bookings and Menu Choices Close:  
 25th September**

Convenor: Lois Hill 0419 867 122  
 Email: loehill@gmail.com

A Fantastic Fine Food Feast with all the Fun and Frolics of the Oktoberfest.  
 There'll be lots of laughter and singing served with an authentic 3-Course German lunch prepared by a Fantastic German chef and his sous chef. Only the best and freshest ingredients are used and, no, it's not your standard Oktoberfest takeaway food, but a Feast!  
 You will have your choice of a beef or pork main meal, and Gluten Free can be covered.  
 With the TV on and the Forum decorated, you'll be transported to Munich to celebrate the 216th birthday of the Munich Oktoberfest, with singing, swaying and dancing (on the floor or in your chair!) – the only rules- "Have fun" and "No Dancing On The Tables!"  
 BYO Wine, Beer or tipples of choice. Dan Murphy has a selection of German Beers. BYO Bier Steins!  
 Have you been to the Oktoberfest? If so, we'd love some of your photos-please make a copy & send to Lois.  
 To book, **CLICK** on link below and fill out the "TellUs". Please also use this if you need to send Apology.

### BOOK OKTOBERFEST

Note: You may need to Use <Ctrl> and Click anywhere on the above button text.  
 Bookings and Menu Choices Close: 25th Sept (to prepare Beef Sauerbraten)



## Oktoberfest Lunch

No refunds after Bookings close unless you provide a replacement or if we have a Wait List.



Mini Pretzel Roll  
 w Obatzda Butter

Bavarian Beef Sauerbraten

w Red Wine Sauce, Bread Dumpling,  
 Braised Red Cabbage, Brussels Sprouts & Glazed Carrots  
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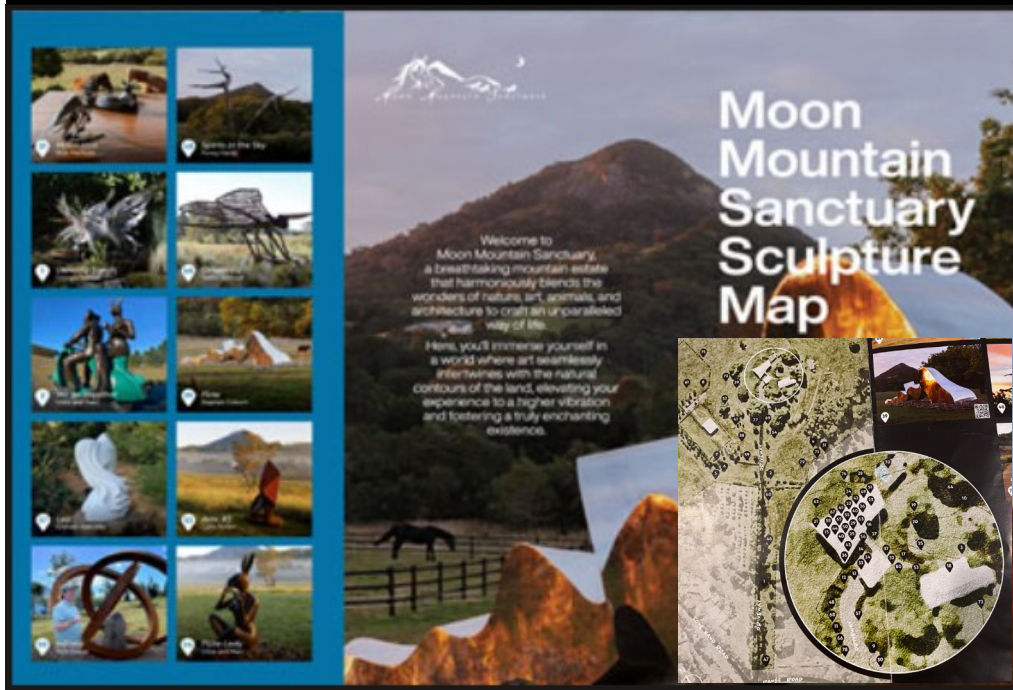
Munich Pork Roast

w Caraway-Weihenstephaner Dark Beer Sauce, Apple Sauce, Bread Dumpling,  
 Braised Red Cabbage, Brussels Sprouts, Glazed Carrot & Crackling

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Black Forest Cake In a Glass  
 w Original Kirschwasser

# MOON MOUNTAIN SACTUARY & SCULPTURE PARK



**Wednesday  
28 October  
Meet 8.45  
at the J  
for 9.00 start  
{CAR POOL}  
Morning Tea stop at  
"Flying West"  
Doonan.  
Arrive Sanctuary  
10.30  
Lunch 12.00  
"Matso's"  
Eumundi.**

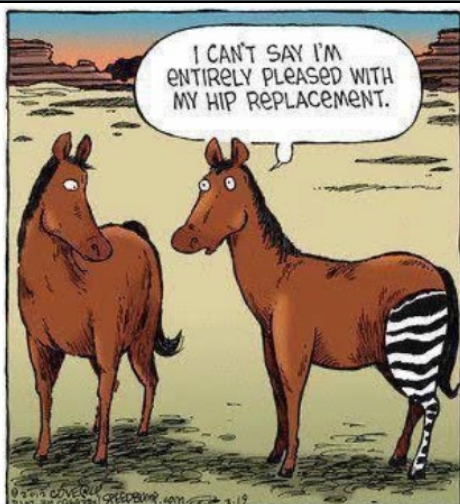
**Convenor:  
Valerie Sadlier  
0408 229 118**

**Moon Mountain Sanctuary is not generally open to the public, however, Valerie has been able to organise for our Club to visit under free admission.**

**This promises to be a unique activity for us—and true to form— our capable convoy leader, Rob van Wegan, will guide us through scenic countryside. Our morning tea stop will be at "Flying West Coffee" in Doonan.**

**Art takes many forms at Moon Mountain Sanctuary. It is a place of inspiration, where art and design create an energy and beauty that touches the human emotions. The human search for beauty though creation is the basis of art at Moon Mountain; sculptures dot the land and each piece is carefully placed with the energy and forces of the sculpture and life forces guiding the creation of the park.**

**Sculptures co-exist with the horses and nature. The horses move freely amongst the sculptures and they create a form of moving and living art, ever changing. It is a sanctuary where the interplay between nature, art, horses, gardens and humans determine the rhythm of life.**







## Bulletin SPOTLIGHT

on  
Tom & Ann  
Mulligan

Thank you Ann for your story. All members are welcome to share their stories in the Bulletin Spotlight.

### A Crazy Irish Travel Chronicle

Tom and I were born and raised in Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland, where we both enjoyed a happy childhood and early life. We certainly lived through the best of times there and just before “The Troubles” began in 1969 we departed our homeland with 2 small children for the far reaches of Africa.

Arriving in Kenya was magical and like another world with its interesting variety of people, abundant wild life and magnificent scenery. After enjoying 2 years in Nairobi we took off again this time for South Africa, settling in Johannesburg where the developing IT jobs were mostly based. A decade later as civil unrest was beginning to brew all over Africa we decided to emigrate to Australia making Sydney our home in 1979 where our careers flourished and our children completed their schooling and university degrees.

However we weren’t done travelling yet. An excellent career opportunity came up for Tom in Asia so off we went again but this time it was just the pair of us.

After 4 exciting years in vibrant Singapore we returned to Sydney where we worked until we decided to come up to Noosa in retirement.

Meanwhile throughout all these years we travelled extensively all over the world both for business and pleasure.

Our Sydney based grandchildren have spent most of their school and university holidays here with us enjoying the relaxed Queensland lifestyle including swimming and surfing. While we were living on the Esplanade in Peregrine, Joan & David Henderson were virtually our neighbours and Joan kindly introduced us to Probus in 2012.

How fortunate were we. We have both been reasonably active in the club and a couple of years after joining, Tom became President while I was a Greeter for several years. Then last year I joined the committee to assist the very capable Priscilla on the front Membership desk.

What fun experiences we have enjoyed in Probus over the past 14 years and these St. Patrick’s Day photos are just a sample of such good times.

That’s it from your happy Irish traveller.

**Ann Mulligan**





# TOUR OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE

25 August

Report by Priscilla Franklin



## **Around 20 Probians headed to Brisbane on the Boomerang Bus for a tour of Government House.**

It was a pleasant winter outing, helped along by our friendly driver.

We arrived about half an hour early, so Priscilla let the staff know we were waiting at the gate. They kindly welcomed us in ahead of time, even though security had to move quickly to get ready.

Our 90-minute tour took us through the historic grounds, lovely gardens and several impressive rooms inside the heritage-listed residence, including the State Dining Room,

## **Drawing Room, Investiture Room and Billiard Room.**

Along the way, we learnt more about the history of Government House and the Governor's ceremonial and community roles. There was plenty to admire, from the architecture to the many interesting features throughout the building.

A special moment came when our bus driver was invited to join the tour. He was surprised, but accepted and really enjoyed it.

We were also treated to tea or coffee and shortbread, just as the Governor had promised at the 50th Probus Reception she hosted earlier in the year.

The Governor was away on a few days break with her husband, Professor Nimmo, but was due back that day. Priscilla spotted her returning with her luggage and, although tempted to offer a cheerful "Good morning, Your Excellency", decided it was best to let her pass quietly.

We also noticed the official vehicles, which displayed the Crown instead of ordinary number plates. After the tour, we enjoyed lunch at The Summit Café on Mount Coot-tha, with good food, drinks and wonderful views across Brisbane. It was a memorable outing, and Government House is well worth a visit for anyone spending time in Brisbane.

**Thanks to Siegrid Couchman and Marguerite Hondow for organising the trip.**





# NOOSA BOTANICAL GARDENS

**GUIDED WALK on 9th August**

On a perfect sunny August morning twenty-six Probus members enjoyed a guided wander through the Noosa Botanical Gardens.

Paul and Charmaine, long-time volunteer champions of the gardens, shared the story of how, with mainly volunteer assistance, the site transformed from simple farmland in 1987 into today's tiered gardens showcasing tropical and subtropical plants.

Members learnt that the gardens and ampitheatre were inspired by local visionary, IDA DUNCAN, OAM. Why stop at flowers and plants when you can also host Shakespeare?

A delightful walk, a few laughs and a fresh appreciation for one of Noosa's finest community creations.

Following the walk, members regrouped at the Cooroy RSL where we enjoyed a refreshing coffee and chats.

*Thank you Alan & Fran for convening this terrific outing and also for your Report.*







Thanks for the iPad, grandma!

# Rainmakers

next camp

**16-20 November**

Burrum Heads Hillcrest Caravan Park,  
1 Howard St.

Cabins from \$85 per night without linen or  
extra \$15 with linen.

Sites \$40 per night

Book direct mentioning Noosa Probus

Tel : 4129 5179

**All welcome**

Convenor : David Moore 0490 369 078

# LUNCH

## The Boathouse

Noosa River

**10<sup>th</sup> November**

**12:30 pm**

**\$45.00**

**2 courses includes a drink - wine,  
beer, soft drink**

**Pay by 2 November**

**Code: BOH11+surmane**

**Convenor: Neville Motley**

**0406 448 007**

**nevdenmot@bigpond.com**



## GENERAL MEETING

**Monday, 7 September 9.00am for 9.30am start**  
**Noosa Golf Club, 46 Cooroy Noosa Rd. Tewantin**

Please arrive early, check in at the Registration Desk and be seated by 9.30am.

**Fees** - \$10 for Visitors & Non-Active Members (exact amount please)

### Attendance & Apologies

#### Active Member Apology

email: *MEMBER APOLOGY – Your Name*

#### Non-Active Member Attendance

email: *NON-ACTIVE MEMBER ATTENDING – Your Name*

#### Visitor Attendance

email: *VISITOR ATTENDING – Your Name*

#### Members Bringing Friends

email: *YOUR NAME – Bringing Friends*

Include your friends' details.

All emails to [cnp.membership@gmail.com](mailto:cnp.membership@gmail.com)

### RSVP Deadline

ASAP or by **4.00pm on Wednesday 2 September 2026**

Email preferred. Phone/text okay.

Please do not contact us on meeting day.

### Leave of Absence

For absences of two or more meetings, for example holidays or medical reasons, submit a Leave of Absence form (available at Registration Desk, on the Club website or by email request).

### Contact Details

If your contact information changes, please email us so records can be updated.

#### Priscilla Franklin & Maggie Brown

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Please register  
before paying.

### 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 guide-  
lines.



### WALKERS - 14th August

A most enjoyable walk!  
Started at the river and then  
back along the beach.

Why not join in the  
next walk on  
Friday 11th Sept  
to celebrate all our Walkers -  
Past and Present—for our Club's  
30 year anniversary?

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Doctor says I have  
to cut out drinking.



**EDITOR'S NOTE :** Thank you everyone who sent jokes this month.