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Bryan
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Here we are — it's December already. Where did the year go? When we were children, the time

from one Christmas to the next felt endless. Now it seems to arrive in the blink of an eye.

A heartfelt thank you to all our convenors for the wonderful events you've organised throughout the year — keeping us busy with walks, lunches, dinners, theatre outings, discussion groups, Rainmakers, Tipplers, Drinks by the River, and the many trips away. What an amazing variety of activities we've had to enjoy.

This month we look forward to the Probuc Players' Salute to Christmas. Thank you to Bernie and the Players for your dedication over many weeks of rehearsals to bring us another great show. A special thanks also to Allen Armitage, our talented compere; David Henderson, for his photography and all the finishing touches to our performances; and Gordon Pollard, for providing and managing the PA system that keeps everything running smoothly.

Just three days later, we'll gather again for our Christmas Dinner, which promises to be a fun night filled with games, prizes, good food, and dancing. Thank you to Kathy and her team of happy helpers for organising what will surely be a memorable evening.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families all the very best for the Festive Season. Take care, and I look forward to seeing you all in February '26.

Bryan Parker

President

Thought for the Month

Christmas is not so much about what's under the tree, but who's gathered around it.

EVENTS LINE UP

Apologies Dec meeting by 28/11

DECEMBER

December Meeting and Players'

Xmas Spectacular 1/12

Iron Pots 2/12

Christmas Party— RACV 4/12

Coffee & Chat Peregrin 4/12

Scrambled Eggheads 9/12

Coffee & Chat Marina 11/12

The Walkers 12/12

Tipplers Anonymous 17/12

Noosa Waters cruise 21/12

Drinks by the River 27/12

JANUARY 2026

No Probuc Meeting or Bulletin.

"Kings of Country Rock"

& pre-show dinner 30 Jan '26

FEBRUARY 2026

Meeting 2/02

NOTE FROM THE BULLETIN EDITOR

It has been a true pleasure bringing the Bulletin to you over the past 15 months, collaborating with Convenors, the Committee & fellow Club Members. Regrettably other commitments are becoming too demanding for me to maintain this role. Thank you to Anne Oxley for agreeing to take the reins in the coming year; I have no doubt she will do a fantastic job. I am grateful for the occasional proof reading from Bryan & Bogunia and from main proof reader Kathy.

PROBUS PLAYERS

"Christmas Spectacular"

PRESENTING A SELECTION OF CHRISTMAS
SONGS & CAROLS

at 1st December Meeting



NOOSA WATERS
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
BOAT CRUISE
FINALISED

Sunday 21 December
 Depart 5.30 pm - (No earlier please)
 Marilyn & Rob van Wegen's residence
 31 The Promontory, Noosa Waters
 Return approx. 7.00 pm



BYO Drinks (NO red wine) and Nibbles



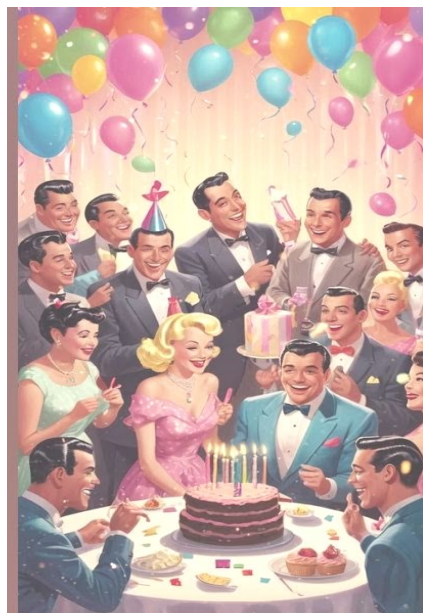
Rob : 0414 547 469



Happy Birthday



Suzanne BECKETT
John BILL
Max BOURNE
Allen BRIGGS
Ross CAREY
Priscilla FRANKLIN
Joan GARNHAM
Gail HOWARD



Neville MOTLEY
Pam NORMAN
Chrissy POBAR
Gordon POLLARD
Pamela ROBINSON
Noel TAYLOR
Margaret WAUGH

“WHAT COULD GO WRONG?”
(THANKS ANNE OXLEY)



DINNER
Before the Show
“The Beach Road
By
4 Pines Bar and Grill”

6.00 pm



The J
NOOSA
Friday 30 January
2026
7.30pm

D I N N E R

A casual dinner will be held at 6.00 pm at
“The Beach Road By 4 Pines Bar and Grill” at the roundabout at the corner of
Sunshine Beach Road and Noosa Drive in Noosa Junction.
The dinner will conclude by 7.15 pm to allow time to walk across the road to the
J Theatre for the show which starts at 7.30 pm.
Free under cover parking is available under the 4 Pines for convenience.
Meals and drinks will be at your own expense.
Please let me know if you would like to attend the dinner by **Tuesday 27th January 2026**
so that I can secure a table booking.

Max Bourne,
Convenor
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General Meeting Notice

2ND FEBRUARY 2026

Monday, **9.00am** for **9.30am** start

**Noosa Golf Club, 46 Cooroy Noosa Rd.
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Please **ARRIVE IN PLENTY OF TIME** to be registered and seated by **9.30am**.
DON'T FORGET to check-in at the **Registration Desk** to make sure your attendance is officially recorded on the roll.

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

MEETING ATTENDANCE and CATERING

For catering purposes, please let us know if you will **not be able to attend** (active members) or if you **would like to attend** (non-active members and visitors) by emailing:

cnp.membership@gmail.com

asap before 12noon, Friday, **30 January '26**

using the appropriate *Subject Title* from the list below-

MEMBER APOLOGY – FirstName Surname

NON-ACTIVE MEMBER ATTENDING – FirstName Surname

VISITOR ATTENDING – FirstName Surname

MEMBERS bringing friends or prospective members please use this format-

FIRSTNAME SURNAME – Bringing friends/
prospective members

and include the details of attendees in the email body.

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.

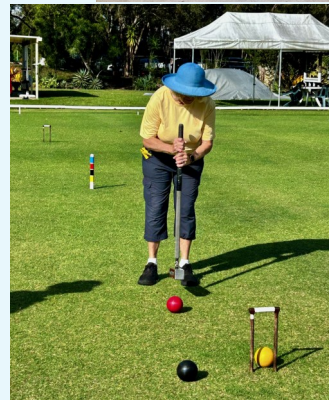
Thank you.

PRISCILLA FRANKLIN & ANN MULLIGAN
Membership Officers

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CROQUET AFTERNOON IN OCTOBER



On a beautiful sunny **OCTOBER** Wednesday afternoon, twelve finely tuned athletes took to Noosa's croquet court, in Noosa Waters, to tackle this game they call "Croquet". Organised by Sue Beckett and with the willing assistance of four "experts" from the Croquet Club to coach us, we all got into mallets and hoops to enjoy three hours of fun! A great time was had by all thanks to Sue for putting this together for our enjoyment.
RICHARD BENNET

1st December 2025 Meeting

PROBUS PLAYERS



CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

**Presenting a selection of
Christmas songs and carols
at the Club's December meeting
with Cabaret style seating and
a complementary drink**

**Come along and join the fun
and, of course, join in the singing**

**Visitors welcome
Members free, Non Active and Visitors \$15**

REGULAR ACTIVITES DIARY DECEMBER

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE	TIME	CONVENORS
	Apologies DECEMBER MEETING	cnp.membership@gmail.com	ASAP before 12 noon Friday 28 NOV	
First MONDAY DECEMBER 1	MEETING	Noosa Golf Club	9.30 am	
First THURSDAY DECEMBER 4	COFFEE & CHAT PEREGIAN	Outer Square, Peregian Beach, near IGA	10.00 am	Robert Hill 0427 544 810
First TUESDAY after monthly Meeting DECEMBER 2	IRON POTS	HOSTS: Joan & David Henderson CHRISTMAS get together	4.30 pm	David Henderson 0404 295 146
Second TUESDAY DECEMBER 9	SCRAMBLED EGGHEADS Discussion Group	Contact Susan	4.00 pm	Susan Beaver 0439 758 746
Second THURSDAY DECEMBER 11	COFFEE & CHAT, Marina	Noosa Marina, Parkyn Place	10.00 am	Max Bourne 0412 728 911
Second FRIDAY DECEMBER 12	WALKERS' OUTING	MEET: <i>Call David Moore for details</i>	8.00 am	David Moore 0490 369 078
Third WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17	TIPPLERS ANONYMOUS	Noosa Yacht Club	4.00 pm	Margaret Jorgensen 0409 179 365 Please advise if you are staying for Dinner
The last SATURDAY DECEMBER 27	DRINKS BY THE RIVER	Gympie Terrace opposite Zachary's	4.00 pm	JUST TURN UP! BYO drinks, nibbles and a chair

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES December – January

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE	TIME	COST	CODE	PAY BY	CONVENOR
Monday December 1	“Probus Players Christmas Spectacular”	Probus Meeting Noosa Golf Club		-	-		Bernie Stringer 0416 034 837
Thursday December 4	Probus Christmas Party	RACV Resort Noosa	5.30 for 6.00 pm Start	FINALISED			Kathy Mitchell 0416 155 428
Sunday December 21	BOAT CRUISE Christmas Lights	NOOSA WATERS	5.30 pm No earlier please				Rob van Wegen 0414 547 469
Friday January 30 <u>2026</u>	“Kings of Country Rock” + Optional Pre-show Dinner	The ‘J’ Noosa 4 Pines Bar/Grill	7.30 pm 6.00 pm	—		Pay at 4 Pines	Max Bourne 0412 728 911

More from Anne Oxley

*I was working for an organisation that delivers lunches to elderly.
I had my 5-year-old daughter with me on my afternoon rounds.
She was intrigued by the various appliances of old age,
particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs.*

*One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass.
As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions,
she turned and whispered,
“The tooth fairy's never gonna believe this!”*

*A little boy was talking to his mother, “I’m not going to school any more!”
“Why is that?” his mum said.
“Well on Monday the teacher said 4 plus 4 equals 8
on Tuesday she said 5 plus 3 equals 8
and on Wednesday she said 6 plus 2 equals 8.
I’m not going back until she makes up her mind!”*

DRINKS BY THE RIVER — 25TH OCTOBER



CHRISTMAS PARTY REMINDER



RACV RESORT

THURSDAY

4TH DECEMBER

5:30 PM for 6:00 PM

**ADD TO THE FUN!
WEAR A CHRISTMAS THEME**

**THE CHRISTMAS OUTFIT
TO RECEIVE THE LOUDEST APPLAUSE
WINS A PRIZE !**

**MUSIC BY MAURICE MILANI
& DANCING**

**Games & Prizes including
*a major Lucky Door Prize***

4 NIGHT STAY ON MAGNETIC ISLAND

valued at \$1500

**Wine, Scratchies & Honey.
And a BANQUET MEAL FOR TWO AT
THE EMBASSY XO RESTAURANT
SUNSHINE BEACH**

**Ample parking available
& transport can be arranged**

**Convenor : Kathy Mitchell
kathymitchell1@me.com**

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE A BOOKING!

NORFOLK ISLAND EXPERIENCE

With Trade Travel - Ex Brisbane

**8 Days / 7 Nights - Fully Escorted
May 2026**

DAY 1. : Brisbane - Norfolk Island This morning we meet at the Brisbane International airport to board our flight to Norfolk Island. Ahead of us is a wonderful week of Norfolk Island hospitality enjoying dinner every night and full hot breakfasts every day. This evening we enjoy a 2 course dinner in the on-site restaurant.

Overnight: South Pacific Resort Hotel

DAY 2. Norfolk Island Discovery Tour/Sunday Markets - Scenic BBQ Dinner This morning we get to discover this wonderful Island. Our guide will explain all of the Island's history from Polynesian settlements many years ago to how life is today on Norfolk Island. **Scenic BBQ Dinner** The Scenic BBQ is an alfresco experience at a scenic location and an opportunity to taste the local beef and other side dishes.

Overnight: South Pacific Resort Hotel

DAY 3. Norfolk Island Culture Tour & "Who Killed the Surveyor" Dinner This tour showcases the rich and diverse cultural heritage, from the Polynesian and Tahitian fore-mothers to the Bounty Mutineer forefathers. Go back in time and dine with the Chief Magistrate Frederick Young and his wife Mary. Frederick is hosting this dinner to honour His Excellency, Governor General Denison. Dine on a 3-course dinner while we help solve the mystery.

DAY 4. Lavender Farm Tour - Glass Bottom Boat - Night on the Bounty Dinner & Show. Enjoy an easy walk round the farm, see the owner's other vegetables that are grown for their 'paddock to plate' farm experience. Christian's Glass Bottom boat will take us on a cruise within the lagoon of Emily and Slaughter Bay. Norfolk Island has the second southernmost coral reef in the world and attracts a diversity of marine life.

Night on the Bounty Dinner & Show

Join in for a night on the Bounty, set sail on a journey from England to Tahiti on a fun night of feasting, frivolity, laughs and a factual and interactive dinner show. We hear the story of life that led to the Mutiny on the Bounty.

- 3 courses. **Overnight: South Pacific Resort Hotel**

DAY 5. Colleen McCullough Home Tour - Colleen McCullough, world renowned author of 24 books called Norfolk Island home for almost 36 years. She and husband, Norfolk Islander, Ric Robinson, created a luxurious hideaway and maintained their privacy to ensure that Colleen had the perfect environment for her writing. Her beloved property "Out Yenna" is now open exclusively to Baunti Escapes customers. We are escorted through her magnificent home and view Ric and Colleen's priceless collection of artefacts gathered on their travels.

Convict Kingston Tour On this tour we learn about World Heritage Listed Kingston, hear about the first settlers, the Polynesians who came 900 years ago, the first and second convict settlements and the facts and legends associated with each. Learn how Norfolk became home to descendants of the infamous 'Bounty' mutiny. Walk through the historic cemetery.

Commandant's Dinner Imagine dining with a Commandant! This factual yet fun dinner theatre is the newest interactive show to hit Norfolk Island. The Commandant's Dinner is a "must do" for our Norfolk visit! The cast of actors will take us on an entertaining journey back in time. The Commandant's Dinner is a night of great entertainment, delectable hearty, wholesome British fare fit for a Commandant and his wife, and loads of fun.

Overnight: South Pacific Resort Hotel

DAY 6. Breakfast Bushwalk - Taste Of Norfolk - Baunti Island Fish Fry -Breakfast Bushwalk Today we rise a little earlier to discover the incredible scenic beauty of Norfolk Island's natural environment on a relaxing, informative and guided one hour bush walk. Tonight—Norfolk Island's most famous dinners - the Island Fish Fry.

Overnight: South Pacific Resort Hotel

DAY 7. Norfolk Today Tour - Farm & Industry - Progressive Dinner. Learn how Norfolk Islanders live in the 21st Century and the essential services that make life on a tiny South Pacific island possible. How do we bring petrol and gas on island; power our world; deal with our waste; forecast the weather; keep ourselves informed and make a global contribution? Relax and enjoy home cooked food, 3 Courses - includes complimentary glass of wine.

Overnight: South Pacific Resort Hotel

DAY 8. Norfolk Island — Brisbane Enjoy our final buffet breakfast, before being transferred to the airport where we check in for our flight home.

CONVENOR—MAUREEN JOHNSTON - 0429 645 075

The above is only a short description. Call Maureen or talk to her at the Activities Desk at the November meeting. She will have full details, pricing and more information.



JOSEPH was just an amazing show which 45 of our Probians attended on Sunday 9/11/25. The calibre of the show could not be faulted and the expressions of enjoyment at the end were prolific.

Info. for 2026 performances will be in our February Bulletin.

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

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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 Probus guidelines.

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DEADLINE
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Wednesday, 21 January 4:00 pm