



2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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**Club Banking Details: For any future payments for Club outings or events,
if possible, please pay by electronic funds transfer.**

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Please include your name.

**MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE 2024**

**Tours and Outings
Coordinator
Kay Goodwin
Membership Officer
John Van Eyk**

**Guest Speaker
Coordinator
Kaylene Bell**

**Newsletter and
Webmaster Officer
Greg Haydon**

**Photographer
Lorraine Williams**

**Vice President
Fay McLean**

**Vice President
Ros Haydon**

Other Positions

**Immediate Past President
Herb Sneyd**

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Sue Wasalski
Historian
John Holliday
Librarian
Maureen O'Connor**

President's Patter

As this will be my farewell "Patter" after two years as Club President I thought that I might reminisce on some memories of my seven years on the Management Team and eight years as a member.

Top of the list are the holidays organised by my wife Kay for Club Members. The first trip, a cruise on the *Proud Mary* in August 2020, was touch and go until the last minute because of Covid restrictions. Fortunately we were flying over NSW to Adelaide, not doing a bus trip, as NSW was still in lockdown. We were warmly greeted at Adelaide airport and went on to have a most enjoyable holiday getting to know our fellow Probuss Members. The other two trips were to the **Hunter Valley** in November 2022 and to the **Granite Belt** in July 2024. Closely behind these longer trips were the 50 or so day trips organised or co-organised by Kay. Besides an uncanny gift for selecting fine weather the quality of these outings gave those who attended fond and memorable experiences.

In a survey that I did of the many years that Kay has been organising these outings it is disappointing to report that the Club participation rate is only around 50%. For the future of this activity to remain the Club needs some Members to take over the Outings coordinator role and for more Members to participate in outings.

I would like to thank the members of the Management Team who worked together so happily for the benefit of all Club Members. I can assure you that lifelong friendships have been made as a result. It has been a challenging at times as we tied off many loose ends in this era of rules and regulations. It is my hope that the Club should be able to run smoothly in the future.

A fond memory is that of **Bernie Kunkel**, our Life Member who passed away in 2024 at the grand age of 95. Bernie had been a member for more than 20 years, a Past President for 2 years and the Guest Speaker Coordinator for more than 10 years. I still remember the pride on his face when he was awarded Life Membership. He wore his Life Membership pin with such pride! At the end of his life, living in Care, he still dressed up on the second Tuesday of each month, ready to attend a meeting. Bernie was a lovely man, a true gentleman and proud Probuss Member.

Yours in Probuss **Ken**



SUMMARY OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 2025

President's Report:

Welcome: Ken Goodwin (President) welcomed and thanked members and visitors for attending. Ken Goodwin updated welfare information about club members.

- **Club members welfare updates.**

All club members have recovered from their summer viruses. Kay had an episode whilst assisting people when Tricare members were going to see Grease at QPAC. She collapsed against me when we returned to the bus. She has recovered. However, I wish to thank all those who assisted me during this worrying incident for their support and care.

- **Brief summation of Management meeting.**

At the last Management Committee meeting we welcomed PAQ President Carwyn Arnold. She discussed and answered questions on a range of issues asked by the Management Team members.

I met up with the Club Secretary, Mary Ann van Eps, to verify that all nominees had completed the appropriate application forms for Management Electable Positions and that their applications were moved and seconded by current financial members of this club. I remind club members that nominations have closed on the 11th of January, 2025.

There is a surplus application for President and Vice President Positions. Two for President (Chris Beeston and Ros Haydon for one position), and three applications for two positions for Vice Presidents (Fay McLean, Kay Goodwin and Bob Beeston). Ken arranged a meeting with Carwyn Arnold to seek advice about the appropriate strategy to undertake under these circumstances. She stressed that there should be a secret ballot at the March 11th Annual General Meeting. As these are the first elections for the Club for the key positions, Carwyn also said she would prepare the ballot papers (in conjunction with the Club Secretary) and conduct the ballots with the support of our two life members, Bob Otto and Herb Sneyd. They have both agreed to assist where required.

Overlapping these developments there has been a series of communications from over 32 members of this Club to either PAQ or PSPL in recent times. As a result, Carwyn Arnold has asked me to read out a letter she has written to the members of this Club.

Some electable positions have not had suitable applicants complete the required documentation. Carwyn emphasised that all these positions can be shared by two members who can cooperatively work out different responsibilities. However, for legal purposes there needs to be one who has the primary responsibilities and reporting activities. For example, Club Secretary and Club Treasurer. While every support and encouragement will be provided by PROBUS, if the vital electable positions are not filled a negative outcome for the Club long term may result as the Club may be forced to close. The worse - case scenario is that all our accumulated finances and equipment will revert back to PROBUS.

General Business:

After budget development and discussion with the Management Committee it has been recommended unanimously that meeting fees and membership fees are to remain the same. \$5.00 meeting fee, \$50.00 annual membership fee and \$20.00 joining fee.

NB Please do not pay membership fees until after the AGM.**

Appendix 1 Letter from Carwyn Arnold President and Secretary of PROBUS Association Queensland to Club of Holland Park Inc members.

To all club members of Holland Park Probus,

It is not my intention to come to come to your AGM

- 1. As the President of PAQ**
- 2. To take over your club in anyway.**
- 3. I will be there as the Regional Liaison Officer**
- 4. It is usual for an AGM to be chaired by someone who is impartial so there fore a club member should not be chairing the AGM.**

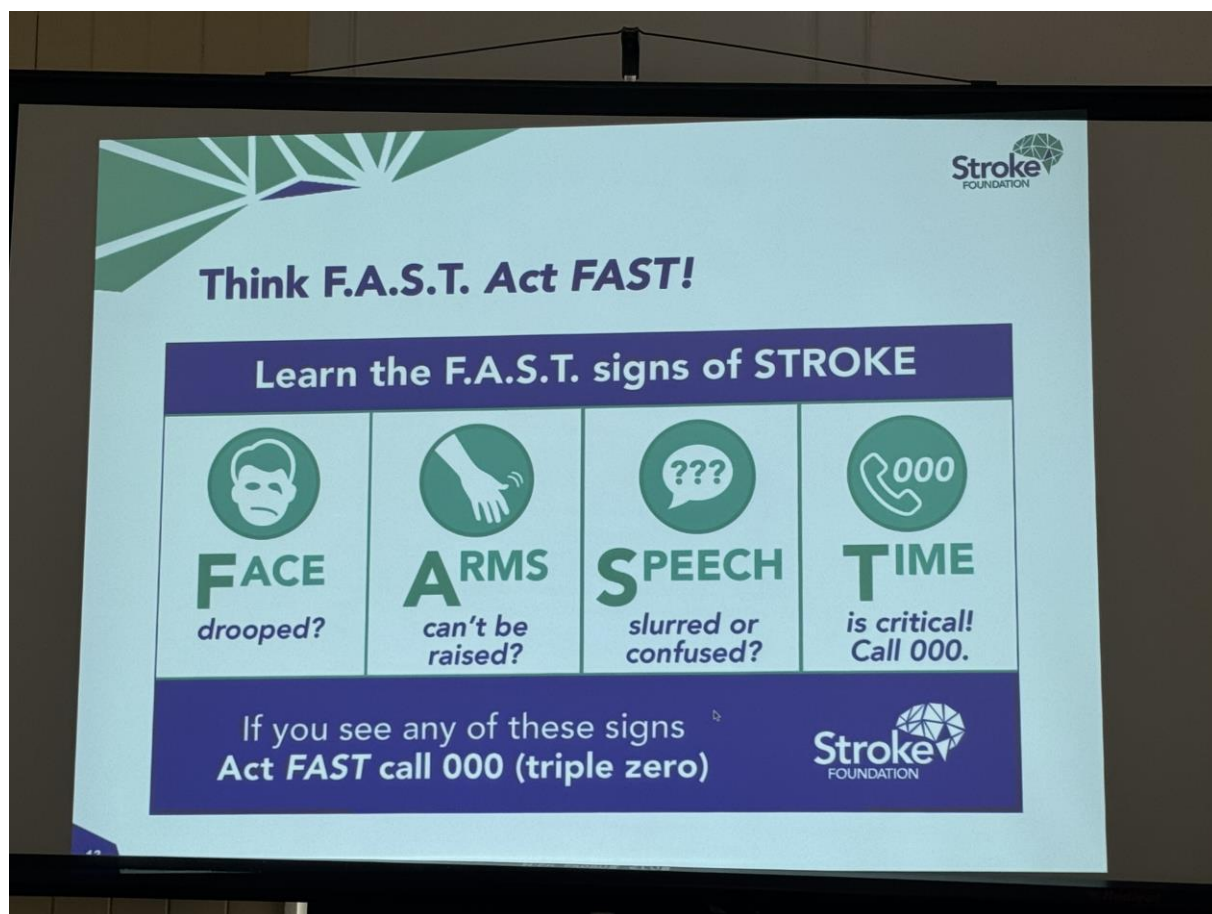
I am very aware of the rumours that are circulating withing your club and I also know the name of the member whom has decided to spread these rumours. I am also aware of the person lobbying members for votes at the AGM this is not the way of PROBUS and it is very disappointing that

someone has started doing this. We are not a political club in any form and lobbying is not a process we do.

I hope this clarifies the situation that is starting to boil within the club. Remember that voting will be by secret ballot so no one will know whom you are voting for so please vote according to your own feelings.

Regards,
Carwyn Arnold.

FROM A RECENT GUEST SPEAKER





Manly Boat Harbour Club Luncheon

Bright Blue skies, sparkling water, lots of smiles and great company. What more could you ask for as members met at Manly Boat Harbour Club for the first time in 2025?



OUTINGS

- **WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH:** A VISIT TO NEWSTEAD HOUSE WITH INCLUDED LUNCH, DRINK AND THE CHEF'S DESSERT AT THE HAMILTON HOTEL. Departure from the Showgrounds at 10am with a short stop at Kangaroo Point Cliffs. There will be no morning tea on this outing. **Cost is \$55pp. due by March meeting if paying cash or by Tyro, or by 14 March if online.**
- **MONDAY 16 JUNE to WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE:** I am planning a short trip, 3 days, 2 nights to **Tangalooma Island Resort**. They sent our probus Club an invitation for an all-inclusive price of **\$589pp. per double room. Single share cost is \$809.** Inclusions are 2 nights accommodation in the Kookaburra Hotel rooms or Resort rooms, 2 buffet breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, return boat transfers, dolphin feeding and sightseeing and fish feeding tour of the Wrecks. We now have 28 people or 15 rooms booked.
- **REMINDER: A deposit of \$50pp is due by 25 February.** Full payment is due by Friday 9 May. There is still time for you to be added to this list!

Kay

On the Lighter Side

If you can't see the bright side of life, polish the dull side.

Always and never are two words you should always remember never to use.

The bad news is - Time flies, Money flies and Blow flies. **The good news is**, you're the pilot for the first two.

The best vitamin for making friends... ... B1.

What passes as a woman's intuition, is usually nothing more than a man's transparency!

Why are basketball players messy eaters? They're always dribbling!

Marriages are made in heaven. **But** - so are **thunder** and **lightning**.

Long Gone—but if you are old enough – never really forgotten!





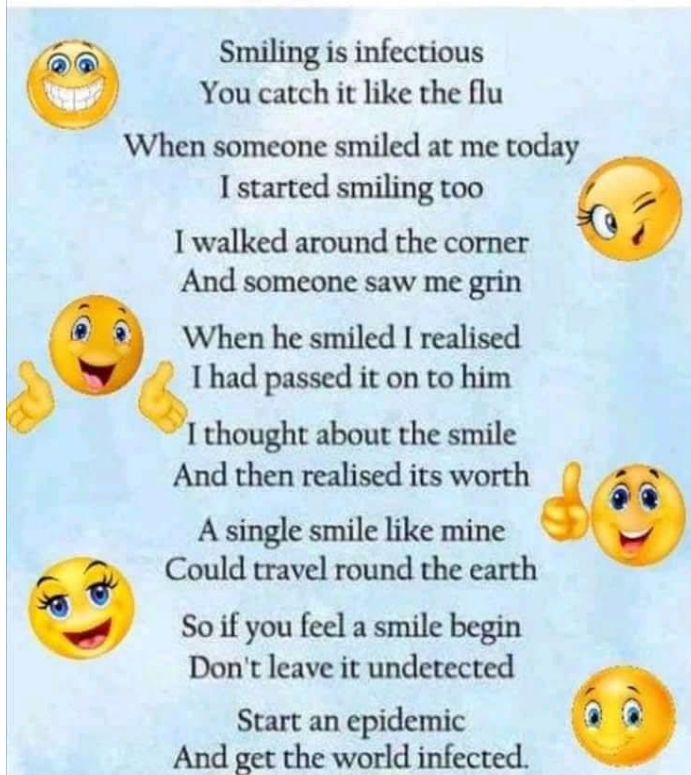
POLICEMAN---*Madam, we are investigating your husband's death.*

LADY---- *He died of natural causes!*

POLICEMAN---*We have a witness who saw you push him off the roof!*

LADY---- *Gravity is Natural!*

What a great poem by the late
Spike Milligan about smiling



Time to Celebrate

35 Years On!