



Narra Notes

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General Meeting: **Tuesday 11th October 2022 at 11.00 am**
Harmonie German Club, Narrabundah

Guest Speaker: **Jan Morgan, “Arboretum Junkie”.**

Presidents Ponderings

I'm delighted that **Roger Quarterman** is working on our regular **Newsletter for Probud Narrabundah**.

Forthcoming Guest Speakers:

Tuesday October 11th - Jan Morgan, “Confessions of an Arboretum Junkie” – Jan co-ordinates installing scarves on the trees at the Arboretum. The addiction has just got worse!

Tuesday November 8th - Marg Green, “The Secrets Out” – provides background on adoption and her personal story of finding her mother.

For next year, I have a list to work through and we're hoping for a talk on living with a stroke (possibly in February). I sorted out the phone mystery for Diabetes Australia Canberra office – they were installing a new system ! At the recent COTA Expo, I made good contact with their person who arranges guest speakers for groups.

I've just received information about the 2023 concerts in Melbourne given by the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra: I'll be cutting back in order to avoid missing our local Probud activities. My 60-year reunion at Orbost High School is at the end of October so I won't miss any meetings – looking forward to meeting up with the kids I taught there so long ago..

Probud Narrabundah Christmas Lunch !

We've booked Gryphons as we did last year for our Christmas Lunch (plus wine and bon bons !)

Mark the date in your calendar - it's for **12-30pm on Tuesday 13th December**. Please confirm with a message to Peter Adams at 0478-606-130 or petera41@bigpond.com.

Back to the Ramada for Dinner

The change from the noisy Maddies to the quiet ambience of the Ramada proved successful with a separate room being provided – as for Thursday 27th October: arrive 6pm to 7pm for a drink and chat with dinner at 7. They've restored their menu !

Possible trips away

Discussions on Lightning Ridge stalled as they proved booked out for the time being. I met with two travel people connected with Probus HQ ("Trade Travel"): they've left me a folder and information sheets which I'll have with me at the Members' Meeting next Tuesday – have a browse and take a leaflet or two. We're keen for feedback.

Tulip Tops

Tulip Tops provide wonderful gardens of tulips and local Probus groups have been visiting. We're arranging a visit – by car convoy – for Tuesday – after the Members' Meeting.

Other visits

St Andrew's Church provides an interesting morning (organ, choir and ringing the church bells !) Our two garden visits proved very interesting (Barton Biblical Gardens and the Fetherston Gardens in Weston) as only four attended both visits, we should consider running these again.

Feedback

Our Committee meets on the first Wednesday each month at 2pm. Do remember to come along to our 2-30pm Coffee Catchup at Gryphons Café in Griffith – every Wednesday afternoon. Our monthly Members' Meetings will be "in recess" in December and January, resuming in February, 2023.

Best wishes to all,

**John Worcester,
President,
Probus Narrabundah.**

Meet the team : Peter Adams

Peter completed his Secondary Education at Albury High School and having been awarded a Teacher's College Scholarship moved to Sydney enrolling in a Science degree course.

He holds a Bachelor of Science (Chemistry) degree from the University of New South Wales, a Diploma in Business Studies from the University of New England and a Graduate Diploma of Applied Science from Charles Sturt University.

He relinquished his scholarship to study part time and began his career as a Chemist with confectionery company James Stedman Henderson (now part of Nestlé) moving on to be Research Chemist with James Barnes (fats and oils, meat extracts) now part of H J Heinz. On completion of his course travelled to England with his fiancée where they were married and then migrated to Toronto, Canada where he was employed by the Canada Bread Company as a Product Developer. While there he became co-inventor of several patented processes for the manufacture of snack food products.

With the birth of their first child they returned to Australia and he became Factory Chemist at Arnotts Biscuits Homebush factory and shortly afterward was chosen as the first in-house management trainee.

He progressed through a number of roles where he was responsible for major capital expenditure projects including the automation of Sao manufacture and the continuous production of chocolate biscuits. In the late eighties he obtained Board support for his vision to relocate manufacturing from Homebush to the western suburbs of Sydney. He selected the land, negotiated its acquisition and project led the establishment of a new \$24million state of the art distribution center and subsequently a new manufacturing facility at Huntingwood.

He was appointed General Manager Manufacturing for the Arnott group and led task forces one of which developed a manufacturing strategy which resulted in the rationalisation of manufacturing facilities nationally from seven to the current three factories providing substantial cost reductions. He served 21 years at Arnott's.

A succession of general management roles followed which included Westons Biscuits, Defiance Fine Foods, Ricegrowers Co-operative and Kellogg achieving HACCP accreditation.

He retired from the workforce in July, 2006 to move with his family back to the Wagga Wagga area where he grew cereal and oilseed crops.

The millenium drought necessitated the need to obtain off farm income and he obtained employment at H J Heinz as Product Development Manager and later in a technical role at Allied Pinnacle in Cowra a producer of ingredients for the baking industry which included Fondant, Caramel, Jams & Fillings, Custard and Glazes for customers such as Arnott's, Krispy Kreme, Sara Lee and Bakers Delight among others. During his first two years at Cowra he successfully oversaw an increase in Stock Keeping Units from 56 to in excess of 200.

Following comprehensive audits by Woolworths, Coles and SAI Global obtained Woolworths Quality Accreditation, Coles Food Manufacturer Standard Requirements and British retail Consortium accreditation.

He left Allied Pinnacle and retired from the workforce permanently in early 2019 relocating to Canberra at the end of that year.

The name behind the badge:

Five minutes for a member to tell us about themselves:

We do not have a volunteer for this meeting – would anyone like to do this in November?

Treasurers Report

Current balance \$892.07, transactions -\$9.30 (Biscuits for morning tea), -\$20.00 (Guest Speaker gift voucher).

Club Check In

Please ensure that you sign in in the attendance book.

Please wear your membership badge (this helps members to get to know one another).

Mask wearing is optional, please feel free to wear a mask if you prefer to do so.

Birthday Greetings

We are still a bit short on information about when members birthdays occur. If you have not already done so please send an email to the editor giving just the month of your birthday.

Book Table

Please bring along books that you have read and are happy to donate for others to enjoy. Feel free to take home any book that interests you. A one-for-one exchange IS NOT required.

Welfare

The role of Welfare officer has been taken on by Ann Quarterman. Please inform Ann if you are aware of any member who is ill or otherwise indisposed.

Events: Visit Tulip Tops <https://www.tuliptopgardens.com.au/>

A visit to Tulip Tops in Sutton is planned for Tuesday 11th October following the general meeting. Travel will be by car-pooling to be arranged at the time. Entry fees are Adult \$20, Seniors \$18. See the website for additional information. A map and travel directions are provided on a separate page.

Your Management Committee

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Quote of the month

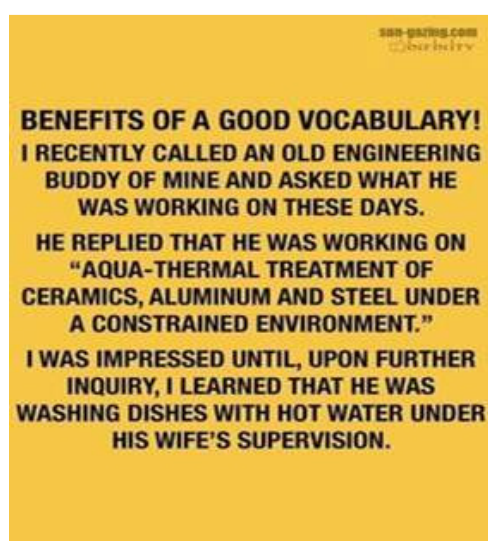
Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art" – Eleanor Roosevelt.

Probus Points –

Do you have a Probus membership card? If not please let Peter Adams know. Also the Probus South Pacific website is a mine of information – click on <https://probussouthpacific.org/>

Diary dates

Day	Event
Tuesday 11 October	11.00 am General Meeting, Harmonie German Club, Narrabundah
Tuesday 11 October	Visit Tulip Tops gardens (weather permitting)
Wednesday, 12 October	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. No booking required.
Wednesday, 19 October	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. No booking required.
Wednesday, 26 October	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. No booking required.
Thursday 27 October	6:00 for 7:00 pm Informal dinner at the Ramada Diplomat Hotel at 2 Hely St Griffith. If possible please let Peter Adams (0478 606 130) know if you are coming. This helps with our bookings, but we would be glad to see you even if you have not booked in.
Wednesday, 2 November	2:00 pm Management Committee, Gryphons, Griffith shops
Wednesday, 2 November	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. No booking required
Tuesday 8 November	11.00 am General Meeting, Harmonie German Club, Narrabundah
Wednesday, 9 November	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. No booking required.
Wednesday, 16 November	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. No booking required.



Visit to Tulip Top Gardens- how to get there from the Harmonie German Club.

Drive South along Jerrabomberra Avenue towards Hindmarsh Drive.
Turn left onto Hindmarsh Drive.
Take the first exit left off Hindmarsh Drive onto the Monaro Highway northbound.
Move one lane to the right to stay on the Monaro Highway which becomes Majura Parkway.
Continue North along Majura Parkway to join the Federal Highway.
Stay on the Federal Highway past the Sutton turnoff.
1 km beyond the Sutton turnoff Tulip Tops is on the left.

