



Narra Notes

The Newsletter of the Narrabundah Probus Club
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General Meeting: Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 11.00 am

Harmonie German Club, Narrabundah

Guest Speaker: Marg Green “The Secret’s Out” provides background on adoption and her personal story of finding her mother..

Christmas Lunch Tuesday 13th December at 12:30pm, Gryphons

This is the last issue of Narra Notes for 2022. The next issue will be on Friday 10th February for the General Meeting on Tuesday 14th February

Presidents Ponderings

Our last guest speaker for this year will be Marg Green whose topic is “The Secrets Out” – all about adoption and her personal story of finding her mother - **Tuesday November 8th.**

For February we’re hoping for a talk on “Living with a Stroke”.

Future talks will include someone from Diabetes Australia.

I’m just back from Orbost where I enjoyed a 60-year reunion - 1962 at Orbost High School. The kids I taught are all now into their early 70s ! A lovely afternoon tea and lots of chat was followed by a dinner at the local club.

Mark your calendars for the Probus Narrabundah Christmas Lunch ! It’s at 12-30pm on Tuesday 13th December. Please confirm with a message to Peter Adams at 0478-606-130 or petera41@bigpond.com.

Eight of us assembled at the Ramada for drinks and a dinner – a very pleasant occasion.

Our Committee meets on the first Wednesday each month at 2pm before our 2-30pm Coffee Catchup at Gryphons Café in Griffith – that’s every Wednesday afternoon. Our monthly Members’ Meetings are “in recess” for December and January, resuming in February, 2023.

Best wishes to all,

**John Worcester,
President,
Probus Narrabundah**

Meet the team : Roger Quarterman – Newsletter Editor

Roger is a retired Chartered Professional Engineer, who has divided his working life fairly evenly between doing engineering and teaching it. In addition to engineering he has tertiary qualifications in economics and adult education

Originally raised and educated in England he has also lived and worked in the USA and Northern Rhodesia/Zambia. Whilst in Zambia he served in the police reserve and amongst other interesting experiences observed the transition from colonial Northern Rhodesia to independent Zambia. He has always had a keen interest in community service organisations, and has been involved in the Scout movement, Apex and Rotary where he was a President of the former Rotary Club of Canberra City.

He came to Canberra to a position as lecturer at the Royal Military College Duntroon, and later moved into the public service where he held various positions in the Department of Transport, Bureau of Transport Economics and Office of Defence Production, where he was at one time Director of Capital Investment. Privatisation of that organisation saw his position disappear and he took up a teaching position at the Canberra Institute of Technology. He retired from teaching at CIT in 1998. Since retirement he has pursued an interest in exploring Australia, using a



Land Rover Discovery and a camping trailer to traverse a lot of the 'wide brown land'. Arising from that interest he has also served on a National Parks and Wildlife Service Advisory Committee for a period of ten years. He has had a long time interest in aviation, originally undertaking pilot training in the Bristol University Air Squadron, which he represented in inter-squadron aerobatics competition. He held a private pilot's licence for 26 years during which time he enjoyed a number of recreational flights around Australia before giving it up due to cost and time constraints.

He has been married to Ann (also a member of this club) for 59 years, and they have two sons; one a bachelor living in Canberra and the other married with a young daughter living in the Sunshine Coast.

The name behind the badge:

Five minutes for a member to tell us about themselves: this month Elaine Saunders has volunteered – thank you Elaine.

Welcome to new members – Alan, Jan and Robert.

We welcome Alan Tarry and Jan Morgan who joined us last month, and Robert Cussel a bit earlier. Please make a point of introducing yourself to these new members at the first opportunity.

Treasurers Report

Transactions for October:

Expenditure: \$20 guest speaker voucher.

Income: \$5 sale of biscuits

Balance: \$877.07

Financial members: 19

Events: Visit to Tulip Top

Members Peter Adams, Irmina Procter, Pamela Freeman, Ann & Roger Quarterman and Rod McCallum, drove to Tulip Tops for a light lunch and walk around these wonderful gardens. The trees and garden borders were beautiful in their colour and variety, but unfortunately



many of the tulip beds had begun to wilt and it was fairly damp underfoot – If we plan to visit next year we would need to attend earlier in the Floriade season.

In this issue we have given special attention to events and outings (the roles of managing these functions of the club are still vacant).

First, on the following pages we have reproduced a brochure giving detail of tours available in 2022 (now history) and 2023 (something to plan for). These are commercially run tours by Trade Travel who are a **Probus Partner** and the tours have been designed specifically to appeal to the Probus demographic. More information can be obtained from their website at www.tradetravel.com.au

Participation in any of these trips is an individual decision (no club organisation required), but you might need your club membership card to take advantage of any special prices offered to Probusians.

Next, attached to the email with **Narra Notes** is a document which is a table of possible club visits. This is not an actual program – just a collection of suggestions for visits. To be able to organise trips that appeal to you we need your feedback. Which of these trips appeals to you such that you would be a likely participant? Do you have any other suggestions? Please take the time to have a good look at this document, which also provides links to websites for additional information about each proposed destination.

Welcome back
INTERNATIONAL DEPARTURES



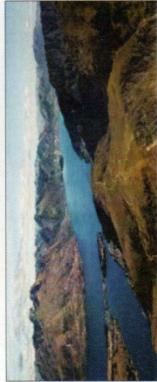
BEST OF THE COOK ISLANDS
SOUTH PACIFIC PARADISE
8 Days / 7 Nights
2023 dates coming soon



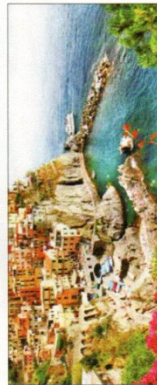
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A JEWEL IN THE ASIAN REGION
8 Days / 7 Nights
2023 dates coming soon



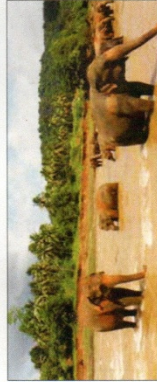
NEW ZEALAND
SOUTH ISLAND WANDERER
14 Days / 13 Nights
Sun 30 Oct - Sat 12 Nov 2022



NEW ZEALAND
FASCINATING COUNTRY & CULTURE
Wed 22 Mar - Sun 09 Apr 2023 (19 Days)
Fri 21 Apr - Sat 06 May 2023 (16 Days)
Sat 06 May - Mon 15 May 2023 (10 Days)



ITALIAN 'GRANDE' TOUR
& CROATIA LUXURY CRUISING
27 Days / 26 Nights
Tue 23 May - Sun 18 Jun 2023



SRI LANKA
PEARL OF THE INDIAN OCEAN
14 Days / 13 Nights
Tue 17 Oct - Mon 30 Oct 2023



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WA DISCOVERY
QUOKKAS, DESERTS, DOLPHINS
& WILDFLOWERS
11 Days / 10 Nights
Mon 15 Aug - Thur 25 Aug 2022



**FIELDS OF GOLD &
COWRA DISCOVERY**
5 Days / 4 Nights
Tue 06 Sep - Sat 10 Sep 2022




GRIFFITH SPRING FESTIVAL
IN THE HEART OF AUSTRALIA'S FOOD BOWL
6 Days / 5 Nights
Sun 09 Oct - Fri 14 Oct 2022



**NORFOLK ISLAND &
MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON**
8 Days / 7 Nights
Fri 28 Oct - Fri 04 Nov 22 (Ex Syd)
Sat 29 Oct - Sat 05 Nov 22 (Ex Blis)



A BUNDABERG BREAK
5 Days / 4 Nights
Wed 23 Nov - Sat 27 Nov 2022



THE LEGENDARY GHAN
DARWIN - ADELAIDE (RAIL ONLY)
4 Days / 3 Nights
Sat 20 Aug - Tue 23 Aug 2022



PHANTOM OF THE OPERA
4 Days / 3 Nights
Mon 12 Sep - Thur 15 Sep 2022
Mon 03 Oct - Thur 06 Oct 2022
Mon 10 Oct - Thur 13 Oct 2022




LORD HOWE ISLAND
A UNIQUE DESTINATION
6 Days / 5 Nights
Sat 22 Oct - Thur 27 Oct 2022



**DELIGHTS OF
TASMANIA**
10 Days / 9 Nights
Wed 02 Nov - Fri 11 Nov 2022



HUNTER VALLEY DISCOVERY
CHRISTMAS LIGHT SPECTACULAR
5 Days / 4 Nights
Fri 02 Dec - Tue 06 Dec 2022



CAPRICORN COAST
DISCOVERY & FOOD TRAIL
6 Days / 5 Nights
Sun 04 Sep - Fri 09 Sep 2022



**ULTIMATE
TASMANIA**
12 Days / 11 Nights
Sat 01 Oct - Wed 12 Oct 2022



KING ISLAND
FOOD, HISTORY & CULTURE
4 Days / 3 Nights
Mon 24 Oct - Thur 27 Oct 2022



**MURRAY PRINCESS HERITAGE
CRUISE & KANGAROO ISLAND**
8 Days / 7 Nights
Mon 21 Nov - Mon 28 Nov 2022



CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND
IN TOOWOOMBA
3 Days / 2 Nights
Tue 06 Dec - Thur 08 Dec 2022

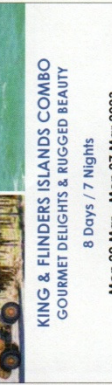
SIT BACK, RELAX AND ENJOY




THE ALPINE REGION
WITH A LITTLE CHRISTMAS CHARM
4 Days / 3 Nights
Wed 07 Dec - Sat 10 Dec 2022



KING & FLINDERS ISLANDS COMBO
GOURMET DELIGHTS & RUGGED BEAUTY
8 Days / 7 Nights
Mon 20 Mar - Mon 27 Mar 2023



CAPRICORN COAST
DISCOVERY & FOOD TRAIL
6 Days / 5 Nights
Sun 14 May - Fri 19 May 2023
Sun 03 Sep - Fri 08 Sep 2023



**QLD'S SOUTHERN OUTBACK
& SILO ART ADVENTURE**
10 Days / 9 Nights
Mon 29 May - Wed 07 Jun 2023



CAIRNS TO CAPE YORK
FAR NORTH QLD ADVENTURE
11 Days / 10 Nights
Thur 29 Jun - Sun 09 Jul 2023



**CHRISTMAS ON
NORFOLK ISLAND**
8 Days / 7 Nights
Sat 10 Dec - Sat 17 Dec 2022



A BIG WEEK OUTBACK
IN LONGREACH & WINTON
7 Days / 6 Nights
Wed 26 Apr - Tue 02 May 2023



ADELAIDE TO AYERS ROCK
THE ULURU & OUTBACK EXPLORER
12 Days / 11 Nights
Wed 09 Aug - Sun 20 Aug 2023

Where will you
TRAVEL IN 2023?

Birthday Greetings

Greetings for this month to Roger Quarterman.

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.

Diary dates

Day	Event
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.
Wednesday, 23 November	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. No booking required.
Thursday 24 November	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, 30 November	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. No booking required
Wednesday, 7 December	2:00 pm Management Committee, Gryphons, Griffith shops
Wednesday, 7 December	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. No booking required
Tuesday 13 December	12:30pm Christmas lunch at Gryphons, Griffith shops. Please confirm with Peter Adams 0478 606 1130 or petera41@bigpond.com
	NO FURTHER EVENTS IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY
Wednesday, 1 st February	2:00 pm Management Committee, Gryphons, Griffith shops
Wednesday, 1 st February	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. No booking required.
Wednesday, 8th February	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. No booking required.
Tuesday 14 th February	11.00 am General Meeting, Harmonie German Club, Narrabundah

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.

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.

Your Management Committee

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Outings/Activities Officer	Vacant		
Trips/Tours Officer	Vacant		
Welfare Officer	Ann Quarterman	quartermanann@gmail.com	0400 123 884

Quote of the month

“Growing old is mandatory, but growing up is optional.” - Walt Disney

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 – hold Ctrl and click on <https://probussouthpacific.org/>

The Probus South Pacific Limited Member Benefits Scheme offers members exclusive discounts from a variety of participating businesses. All you need to do is present your Probus South Pacific Limited membership card.

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