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Club Information

Every Thursday at 6.00 PM for 6.30 Start

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**The Four-Way Test
of the things we Think, Say or Do.**
1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER** friendships?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



Invocation:

Oh lord and giver of all good, we praise thee for our daily food.
May Rotary Friends and Rotary ways help us to serve thee all our
days.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO ADVISE MARIE ROTHE OF
APOLOGIES (MEMBERS) AND ATTENDANCES
(FRIENDS/PARTNERS) EACH WEEK**

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Probus



The Long and the Short of it!

L to R: Bill Simons and Peter Perkins

You know, I can't help thinking last night's meeting was a happy accident! Whilst it was unfortunate the Australian Ambassador to Vietnam was ill and couldn't address our club, Peter Perkins

stepping up to fill the void culminated in a light-hearted and entertaining evening much enjoyed by all. And, to boot, many of us learned something about Probus along the way.

After giving us a little background on his involvement in Probus history, Peter then outlined the club's history since its inception in the UK in 1966 by two English Rotarians, Fred Carnhill and Harold Blanchard. Probus is a fellowship club for retired PROfessionals and BUSinessmen, hence the name.

Ten years later the first Australian Probus club kicked off in Hunters Hill NSW. For the next 20 years growth in Probus was spectacular with 1,875 clubs across Australia and New Zealand and an additional eight being added per month. In 1982 the first Probus club for women commenced breaking the tradition of all male, single gender, clubs. At its peak Probus Australia boasted a membership of 188,000.

However, recently the story hasn't been so rosy with a 30% decline in membership, to about 125,000 Probians. Significant numbers of long-standing and well-established clubs are in decline due to membership being affected by age, attrition and lifestyle.

Peter reminded us all that Probus is still regarded as a Rotary project with its headquarters in Parramatta NSW, in close proximity to Rotary Australia's headquarters.

Peter also lamented the fact that most Probus members are unaware of the Rotary relationship and it became obvious during question time that there were quite a number of Rotarians also unaware of the connection and exactly what Probus does.

Peter finished with postulating that if Rotary clubs sought to open new Probus clubs and maintain the relationship that it would

benefit both, especially regarding the painful and ongoing issue with diminishing membership in Rotary. He asked; "Why not combine both memberships and have joint meetings? What has Rotary got to lose?"

The evening finished with a highly charged and entertaining discussion session. As I opened, a happy accident!

Rotary Information - Phil Martin

Phil spoke about an article in Rotary Down Under which had caught his eye. I've set the link below for your reading pleasure.

<https://rotarydownunder.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/52-53.pdf>

Announcements

Remember to diarise and consider getting a table together for the Spring Lunch.

Date - 3 November 2019.

Where - Tony Robbins' house in Penrice Road.

More details will be published as they come in from Pru.

For Pru's team and those who have offered assistance, details of the planning meeting:-

Sunday, 15 September at 2.30 p.m.

3 Kook Street, Tanunda. Partners welcome.

Birthdays

None

Anniversaries

Greg Norris

16 Sept 1999 (20 years)

Robert Brookes

17 Sept 1984 (35 years)

Attendance Report 1 August 2019

Total Club Members Attending	38
Total Friends Attending	2
Partners Attending	1
Visiting Rotarians	0
Guests Attending	0
Apologies/Leave of absence	12

Duty Roster		
	3194 19 September Venue: The Clubhouse	3195 26 September Venue: The Clubhouse
Invocation	Lisa Akeroyd	Robert Blenkiron
Loyal Toast	B. Stephenson	P Thomas
Sergeant	P. Sich	P. Sich
Chairperson	D. Farley	J. Semmler
Speaker	Malcolm Linke	J. Semmler
Subject	Cricket Tragics	Uni Scholarships
Rotary Info	Sue Fuller	Keith Adams
Bulletin	Roxane Canning	Roxane Canning
Setting Up	P. Ritchie-Haydn	T. Sachse
Cashiers	Marie Rothe & Bev Stephenson	Marie Rothe & Bev Stephenson
Clothing Bins Angaston Nuriootpa Tanunda	19 Sept - 3 Oct P. Ritchie-Haydn J. Semmler G. Schuyler	19 Sept - 3 Oct P. Ritchie-Haydn J. Semmler G. Schuyler



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