

# NEWSLETTER

## TEWANTIN NOOSA PROBUS CLUB



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR DECEMBER 2025

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to our final Newsletter for 2025. It has been a busy year for us all with so many fun outings, meals, games, and for some of the Committee lots of learning and doing. Some of us have taken on new roles and others are needing to pass these on to new hands. This brings us to the interesting dilemma of filling the gaps, adding helping hands and making the roles easier by creating understudies who can learn the role and be able to replace as and when necessary.

As some of you are aware, our stalwart, Lady of many hats, Joan Page, is moving away from our area but will continue in her positions until the AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Currently Joan wears the mantle of Vice President, Functions Convenor, Tours Convenor, Publicity Officer, Special Interest Groups Convenor and Think Tank Convenor. Getaway Convenor was declared vacant earlier this year. All these roles are on the Committee. Joan, we all thank you, sincerely, for your commitment to creating the most enjoyable outcomes which have always been such fun and deliciously yum.

Functions Convenor as you are all aware involves all our outings including dining. Those of us who have enjoyed many of these activities are aware of the need to share the load. Joan already has set up much of the Programme for the first months of 2026.

We have heard from Mary Laird, our Speaker-Seeker, that she too will be moving this year. This role was previously held by two members. Mary already has Speakers sorted for most of the coming year. This situation can fluctuate, as Geoff can attest. What a grand job he did of filling the spot at the last minute at our meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much Geoff. Well done, Sir.

Wanda Boyles, a long -standing member, has been our Archivist for the past years but feels it is time to pass this on to the tech-savvy cohort. Thank you, Wanda. Paperwork galore. Well done.

Chris Hartley our Guru of all things Probus, Membership Officer, and Website Manager needs an understudy with the ability to use or learn to use, Excel and willing to learn about PSPL (Probus South Pacific Limited). This is a stimulating portfolio of variety. It has your name on it! Think about it! Chris will be delighted to share her wisdom.

To ensure our happy club continues to grow, thrive and keep on improving we all need to take a part in its smooth running. Small jobs are important cogs in the wheel. Helping each other builds a stronger sense of purpose. Purpose keeps our minds sharper. Gratitude for jobs well done keeps us positive. Happy Hearts bring peace of mind. Fun gives us joy. What more do we need?

Our warmest wishes to those in hospital or wounded. Happy Christmas and a propitious and prosperous New Year. I am dreaming of a sunny Christmas and a Year of busy elves in happy Tewantin-Noosa Probus land.

Best Wishes, Joy.

## Weekly and Bi Weekly Happenings

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| <b>Tuesdays and Thursdays</b>  | <b>Walks by the River</b> followed by morning tea/coffee. Meet near the Yacht Club at 8.00 a.m. from now until the end of summer <b>except for Christmas Day</b> . Stroll at your own pace. If you don't feel like walking, you are welcome to join the group for morning tea and a chat.<br>Co-ordinators: Rhoda 0429 997 651 & Pam 0400 798 730. |
| <b>Fridays 9.30 to 12.30</b>   | <b>Mah-Jong</b> for experienced players. \$5.00 p.p. includes morning tea/coffee/protein bars/biscuits.  |
| <b>Wednesdays 1.00 to 3.30</b>   | <b>Mah-jong and Rummikub.</b> Beginners are welcome. Free Lessons available. All equipment supplied.   |
| Mah-Jong and Rummikub games are currently seeking a new venue and new co-ordinator.<br>Co-ordinator: Joan 0419 670 771 |  |

## Monthly Happenings

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| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays 10.00 a.m.</b>          | <b>Movie Mornings</b><br><b>No Movies during December and January – school holidays.</b><br>Co-ordinators: June 0413 002 647 and Brenda 0406 639 274.   |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 10 for 10.30 start.</b> | <b>Probus General Meetings</b> at the RSL, Tewantin<br>\$6.00 covers morning tea, room hire, insurance etc.<br>Most members stay on for lunch in Flame Bistro.<br>Seniors Meals from \$15.00.<br><b>N.B. There is no meeting in December.</b> |

## DECEMBER 2025 HAPPENINGS

as approved by the Management Committee,  
at its meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup> 2025.

All venues have been vetted for suitability, cost and safety.  
Carpooling is available.

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| Tuesday 9th<br>12 o'clock   | Christmas Lunch in the Bistro at the newly renovated Royal Mail Hotel in Tewantin. Extensive Menu at reasonable prices. Order and Pay on the day.  |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup><br>12 o'clock   | Christmas Picnic in the Noosa Botanical Gardens at Lake McDonald. BYO Food and drinks. Bench seating available in large picnic shelter, located close to the disabled car parks.   |
| <b>2026</b>   | <b>Special Dates to note for next year</b>   |
| Thursday<br>February 19 <sup>th</sup><br>12 o'clock<br><b>YEAR OF THE HORSE</b> | Lunar New Year Lunch at Izzy Chai Modern Asian Cuisine in the South Pacific Resort, 179 Weyba Road Noosaville. Lots of choices under \$20.<br>Order and pay on the day.  |
| Thursday<br>April 30 <sup>th</sup><br><b>12 o'clock</b>                         | TAFE Degustation Lunch at Cartwrights Restaurant in Block A of the TAFE Queensland Mooloolaba Campus, 34 Lady Musgrave Drive, Mountain Creek.<br>Enjoy a unique fine dining experience whilst helping future chefs hone their skills. Approx. \$45 p.p. plus drinks. |

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## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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A warm welcome to our two new members Dolly(L) & Mickey



President Joy accepting a very generous donation from Cooroy RSL.



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## Bargara Getaway, 2025

On Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup> at 9.30, in drizzling rain, we left Tewantin aboard the Mystic Mountains Touring Coach, driven by Owner/Operator Andrew Fallon.

Our first stop was the Gunabul Homestead in Gympie for morning tea. The rain continued.

We reached Childers in time for lunch at the Isis Club but didn't stop at the Backpackers Memorial as we had planned to do, because of persistent rain.

Rain followed us all the way to Bargara. We checked in to the Point Resort about 4.30. The units were not as luxurious as they appeared on the website. The more expensive units were acceptable, the cheaper units left a lot to be desired.

The rain persisted, so instead of dining at the Golf Club on our first night, most of us decided to stay in our units and order in pizza.

On Monday morning, the sun shone. We headed off to Mon Repos Turtle centre where we enjoyed the exhibits and the educational video.

Our next stop was the Hummock Lookout which is halfway between Bargara and Bundaberg. It is an extinct volcano which was named by Matthew Flinders. It rises ninety-six metres above sea level and has 360-degree views.

Lunch was at the Baltimore Café at the Port of Bundaberg. After lunch, Geoff and Linda joined us for a one-hour tour of Australia's largest Coral Farm. We learned all about growing coral and witnessed the wonder and beauty of more than two hundred species of marine life found along the Australian coastline. This was a first for all of us and one of the highlights of our week.

We returned to Bargara via Elliott Heads, a well-known haven for retirees. On Tuesday, we left the resort at 9.30 and headed straight for Fairymead House which was built in 1890 and played an important role in the early days of the sugar industry. Today it operates as both a Sugar History Museum and Functions venue.

Our next stop was the Bundaberg & District Historical Museum. Everyone seemed to enjoy revisiting the good ol' days.

Next was lunch at Café 1928. The minimum staff did well to look after us.

After lunch we visited the Hinkler Hall of Aviation which celebrates the life and achievements of Bert Hinkler, a lad born and bred in Bundaberg. Bert was a highly respected pioneer aviator. His two standout achievements were his pioneer solo flight from England to Australia in 1928 and the world's first solo flight across the South Atlantic in 1931.

Our next stop was a visit to Alexandra Park Zoo which is one of Queensland's oldest continuing running zoological fixtures.

That evening, the majority of us headed over to the Golf Club for an enjoyable meal and pleasant evening.

On Wednesday morning, we all enjoyed a 2 hour cruise on the Burnett River aboard the Bundy Belle. The commentary was interesting and well delivered and, on the way home, the skipper entertained us with several saxophone renditions.

Promptly at 12.30, the Bundy Belle docked at the wharf at Grunske's restaurant where Geoff and Linda were waiting to greet us. The seafood was as fresh and delicious as always and leftovers enjoyed by most of us that night.

At 9.45 on Thursday morning, we set out for Kalki Moon where most of us enjoyed morning tea whilst a few brave souls ordered tasting paddles. Lunch was at Oodies, where we enjoyed comfort food and an intriguing display of memorabilia from yesteryear.

We arrived at Bundaberg Rum Distillery in time for the 2 o'clock tour. Unfortunately, some of us had trouble hearing the commentary and it was very hot.

Our last evening was spent at Sandhills Sports Club. Geoff and Linda joined us and our driver Andrew also joined us, as our guest.

On Friday morning we left Bargara at 10' clock and had a quick stop at Amandine Lavender Farm. It was not Lavender season but most of us enjoyed browsing in the delightful shop full of aromatherapy products, jewellery and lots of other tempting products.

We then headed to Maryborough, making a short comfort stop at Childers on the way. Lunch was at Allowishus Delicious. Service was slow but the very limited staff did their best to serve us.

We arrived back in Tewantin about 4.15.



## CALENDAR EVENTS

| CALENDAR OF EVENTS |        |  |                                   | DECEMBER 2025                     |   |                        |
|--------------------|--------|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| SUNDAY             | MONDAY | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY                         | THURSDAY                          | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY               |
|                    | 1      | 2  | 3                                 | 4                                 | 5   | 6                      |
|                    |        |  | <b>1.00pm</b> Mah-jong & Rummikub |                                   | <b>9.30am</b> Mah-jong  |                        |
| 7                  | 8      | 9  | 10                                | 11                                | 12  | 13                     |
|                    |        | <b>8.00am</b> Walks by the River<br><b>12.00pm</b> Christmas Lunch The Royal Mail Tewantin | <b>1.00pm</b> Mah-jong & Rummikub | <b>8.00am</b> Walks by the River  | <b>9.30am</b> Mah-jong  |                        |
| 14                 | 15     | 16   | 17                                | 18                                | 19  | 20                     |
|                    |        |  | <b>8.00am</b> Walks by the River  | <b>1.00pm</b> Mah-jong & Rummikub | <b>8.00am</b> Walks by the River<br><b>12.00pm</b> Christmas Picnic Noosa Botanical Gardens | <b>9.30am</b> Mah-jong |
| 21                 | 22     | 23   | 24                                | 25                                | 26  | 27                     |
|                    |        | <b>8.00am</b> Walks by the River   |                                   |                                   |   |                        |
| 28                 | 29     | 30   | 31                                |                                   |   |                        |
|                    |        | <b>8.00am</b> Walks by the River   |                                   |                                   |   |                        |

| CALENDAR OF EVENTS |        | JANUARY 2026   |                            |                           |                 |          |
|--------------------|--------|--|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| SUNDAY             | MONDAY | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY                  | THURSDAY                  | FRIDAY          | SATURDAY |
|                    |        |  |                            | 1                         | 2               | 3        |
|                    |        |  |                            |                           | 9.30am Mah-jong |          |
| 4                  | 5      | 6  | 7                          | 8                         | 9               | 10       |
|                    |        | 8.00am Walks by the River  | 1.00pm Mah-jong & Rummikub | 8.00am Walks by the River | 9.30am Mah-jong |          |
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|                    |        | 8.00am Walks by the River  | 1.00pm Mah-jong & Rummikub | 8.00am Walks by the River | 9.30am Mah-jong |          |
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| 25                 | 26     | 27   | 28                         | 29                        | 30              | 31       |
|                    |        | 8.00am Walks by the River <b>10.00</b><br><b>fot 10.30am General Meeting</b> | 1.00pm Mah-jong & Rummikub | 8.00am Walks by the River | 9.30am Mah-jong |          |