

Probus Club of Toowoomba City Inc

The Probus Club of Toowoomba City was established October 18th 1999 with 16 foundation members (five are still with us) and the current membership is 60. Our membership comprises both women and men. Importantly, we are the only “combined” Probus club in Toowoomba. We meet on the first Monday of every month (excluding January) at the All Seasons Function Centre on the corner of Tor and North Streets (near St Andrews Hospital), at 9.30 a.m. for 10 a.m. start. A social outing is also organised each month.

The meetings are relaxed with members sitting around tables. Each member is greeted at the door by a member who has volunteered to ‘Meet and Greet’ members and visitors. The formal part of meetings is generally dealt with fairly speedily and recently a ‘Spot Speaker’ system has been re-introduced into the morning’s proceedings. The Spot Speaker is a member of the Club who speaks for up to five minutes on a topic of his or her own choice. Speaking about memorable incidents in one’s life is encouraged. The Spot Speaker is a volunteer and no member of the Club is obliged to speak.

In between the Spot Speaker and the invited Guest Speaker, there is an extended morning tea break, which gives people a chance to move around and talk to each other or sit in groups and have the morning tea together.

After the popular morning tea break, the invited Guest Speaker is asked to address the gathering. The topics covered by guest speakers is wide ranging: medical advice on various matters, how to make one’s house more safe, caring for terminal ill, roles of senior Council Officers, current road rules, steam engines, helping the poor in Cambodia to get an education, and even a brief introduction to Indian Philosophy.

The monthly social outings are varied, from a lunch meeting in the city itself to combining it with ten pin bowling or a visit to an exhibition. Outings are also organised, such as a visit to the Toowoomba Water Treatment Plant or the Brisbane Airport or a boat cruise on Southport Broadwater. Members are encouraged to suggest activities that would appeal to a wide cross-section of the membership.

Members are also encouraged to meet in their own ‘self-selected’ groups to pursue a particular interest or indeed just to meet for coffee or lunch. There is a lot of leeway to form friendships and develop new interests. After all, the primary purpose of the Probus Club is Fellowship and Friendship, both of which can encompass Fun.

Please join us to enjoy this Fellowship and Friendship. If you would like to come to a meeting to be part of our monthly activities, please ring the Secretary, Graham Lipp on 4635 5806. You can be sure of a great welcome!