

CLUB SNAPSHOT

Name of Probus Club: Probus Club of Kenmore Village Inc.

Where you meet: Kenmore Library

When we meet: Every Second Tuesday of the month, 9.30am to midday

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Brief Description:

We've been an active presence in Probus circles for 35 years and fulfil the ideals of fun, friendship, food and fellowship with cultural and intellectual advancement through our program. One of our early members said: "want a bunch of new, interesting acquaintances some of whom are bound to become firm and genuine friends?" We have members who take roles to support the planning of club events.

We start the month (first Wednesday) with a park picnic at Rafting Ground Reserve. We do have vibrant conversation while sharing morning tea and our own lunch - we might solve some of the problems of the world.

At the meeting an outstanding feature is entertaining very informative guest speakers (e.g. Emblematic Aussies, Pedestal Convoy, Medical Research, Urban Bees, Australian Comics, Mercy Ships, Diamonds & Synthetics, Galleries for Human Flourishing, Music Nostalgia, Arthur Boyd's Bundanon to name a very few). Then we have members giving 10-minute talks (e.g. Taking Shore Leave on a Polar Ice Cap, Quest for the Camel Pie in Birdsville, Ancestry & Heraldry, Galloping to School, Eden Project, Intrepid Sir Hubert Wilkins as entrees to the life and interests within our club).

The third Tuesday is for lunch outs in our area. Some are favourite cafes or restaurants in the neighbourhood or some just to sample something new such as Walkabout Creek to catch up with the wildlife. We celebrate our annual birthday and our last meeting of the year with a great lunch.

Outings are held on the fourth Tuesday of month and have encompassed educational or purely enjoyment visits. Of late we've been to IndigiScapes, the Opal Museum, historic homes, open garden and nursery tours, research centres, animal farms, concerts, heritage sites, guided exhibitions, and in the past overseas trips or throughout QLD.

Interest groups span across movies, theatre performances, family history, writing for pleasure, scrabble to crafty creatives. Some members are still active in professional associations and with the Australian College of Educators, U3A, Men's Sheds, QLD Brain Institute and hosted at the QLD State Library, we ran a public seminar: *The Value of Seniors' Lifelong Learning*.

One of our members coined the spelling of Probus to mean: **P**rogressive, **R**obust, **O**rganised, **B**enevolent, **U**nites and **S**ocial. So true today!