

THE TIMES

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President's report

APRIL 2026



Dear Members:

As you are aware I was unable to attend the Club's AGM in March as Christina and I were overseas. I now wish to take this opportunity to thank you all for the honour of serving as your Club President for 2026.

Importantly, I also wish to thank and acknowledge the efforts of Robin and her team in guiding the Club so well during the past twelve months.

To my incoming team, thank you for supporting my nomination and for your commitment to the Club's year ahead. You simply are the best.

April is an important month as it's the time when we need to pay our annual membership subscriptions. If you haven't already done so, please do; Tricia is keen to ensure you remain financial in 2026.

Although 2027 is a long way off I would like members to begin thinking of where they may be able to take on a future role in the club as I know there are those on the committee and currently in other club roles who are looking forward to stepping back and handing over to a new group of voluntary helpers.

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Club General Meeting

9.30am - 1st Tuesday of each month

Apologies and names of guests are important to assist with planning.

Advise Club Secretary at email - ktleeg@gmail.com

10-min Speaker for April:

Dr Patrick Mahoney - Immigration

Guest Speaker for April:

Assoc. Prof. Vince Kelly on The Belief Effect — How a Positive Mindset shapes Healthy Ageing

Outings & Activities coming up:

Thursday 16 April - Summit Restaurant, Mt Coot-tha
 Contact: Susan at wright.se@bigpond.com

Friday 15 May - Picnic in the Park at Kalinga Park -
 Contact: Jacqui at jacquipage12@icloud.com

Interest Groups:

Walking group with John Wright
 3rd Tuesday at time and location advised by email.

Men’s Shed - 2nd Tuesday at Vito’s Coffee Shop, Racecourse Village, Nudgee Rd, Hendra at 10am.

Women’s Coffee - 4th Tuesday at Vito’s Coffee Shop, Racecourse Village, Nudgee Rd, Hendra at 10am.

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It is important and, in fact, essential for the clubs continued ongoing success for all members to play a part, to contribute and to share the load. The camaraderie experienced from involvement in the Club is both rewarding and a lot of fun.

Finally, as the Club begins its 36th year since accreditation in 1990, you will this year see some minor changes being made to the Monthly General Meeting Agenda and format. Instead of sitting for one and a half hours without a break we will break after one hour for morning tea which will be served at 10.30am sharp for 30 minutes finishing at 11am. Following morning tea the Guest Speaker presentation will follow promptly at 11am.

Well, that’s enough from me for now as there are times when less is more!

I will be looking forward to seeing you all at our next General Meeting on Tuesday 7 April commencing at 9.30am.

Stay safe, stay well and most of all smile, have fun and make the most of every day!

Peter

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**April’s Guest Speaker - Associate Professor Vince Kelly**

**The Belief Effect — How a Positive Mindset Shapes Healthy Ageing**

Vince Kelly is a leading sport and health scientist at Queensland University of Technology, where he leads the Skill, Sport Performance Research and Injury Group. His work sits at the intersection of performance, recovery, and psychology, with a growing focus on how belief, expectation, and context shape human outcomes across the lifespan.

This talk is highly relevant to all of us. It explores concepts with great potential benefit to our health that have been sorely neglected in the past. **Phil**





## Guest speaker for the March meeting was Rosemary Solomon from the Brisbane Holocaust Museum

The Queensland Holocaust Museum and Education Centre is located at 168 Charlotte Street, Brisbane City and is located within the St Stephen's Cathedral Precinct. It is housed in the historic Old Archives Building. Opening times for a museum visit can be found at the museum's website at <https://hmq.org.au>

The museum was officially opened on Friday June 30, 2023 by The Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier of Queensland and The Honourable Leanne Linard MP, Minister for Multicultural Affairs.

Rosemary, our speaker, guides tours at the Museum and has a family connection to those who manage the centre. The staff at the museum are intent on inspiring, educating and motivating Queenslanders and all visitors to stand up against intolerance, antisemitism, hatred, racism and indifference — and to promote multiculturalism, acceptance and harmony.

The museum is a place to remember those who perished, survived and those who saved lives in, what is, one of the darkest chapters in human history - an event that claimed the lives of 6 million Jews, including 1.5 million children. There were 5 million other victims of the Nazi regime, including people with disabilities, Roma and Sinai communities, gay men, Polish people, Soviet prisoners of war, political opponents and Jehovah's Witnesses.

The museum has photographs and stories of those who perished and others who survived.

Jason Steinberg, Museum Chairman, describes the museum space and the exhibits as follows:

*'Our multifaceted physical and online spaces tell the story of the Holocaust in a way that it has never been told - through the voices, stories and artefacts from Queensland survivors.'*

Amongst the stories that Rosemary shared she went on to tell us of an Aboriginal activist, William Cooper, who stood up for persecuted European Jews. William was a Yorta Yorta Elder from Victoria who was concerned not only with the plight of his own people, but was moved by the extreme discrimination faced by the Jews in Germany and Austria. On 6 December, 1938, less than a month after 'Kristallnacht' he led a march to the German Consulate in Melbourne with a letter of protest. German officials refused to take the written condemnation, did not allow the delegation to enter the building and turned them away.

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This protest was only one of a very few of its kind in the world. The letter was left for the Consulate General to forward to the German Government. The letter read:

*‘On behalf of the Aboriginal inhabitants of Australia, we wish to have it registered and on record that we protest wholeheartedly at the cruel persecution of the Jewish people by the Nazi Government in Germany. We plead that you would make it known to your government and military leaders that this cruel persecution of their fellow citizens must be brought to an end.’*

William Cooper was 77 years of age when he led this march. The walk was slow and he was in declining health, however he was determined to protest. What makes William Cooper’s story of bravery even more remarkable is that Aboriginal people weren’t even recognised as Australia citizens at the time.

William’s grandson, Uncle Alf Turner, said: ‘When many countries around the world would not act, he did.’

The events of Kristillnacht (9 and 10 November 1938) which is also known as ‘The Night of the Broken Glass’ saw Nazis across Germany and Austria torch synagogues, vandalise Jewish homes, schools and businesses. Over these two days, 91 Jewish people were killed. In the aftermath of Kristillnacht some 30,000 Jewish men were arrested and sent to concentration camps.

Rosemary left our club with information packs for members who have an interest in learning more.

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MEMBERS ENJOYING THE MARCH MEETING



Above: The 'Chief' calling us all to order.

Above right: Phil Cheras happy to be greeting Jim McMillan



Right: Jack Larkin ready for whatever the meeting produces.

Far Right: John Blackford showing how happy he is to be catching up with friends.



Above: Gorgeous gals, Robin Edwards and Laurie Richards enjoying a joke together.

Right: I have the feeling that President Robin McLeod was super happy to be surrendering the Chain of Office and becoming an Indian.



A LITTLE BIT OF WHIMSY AND CHEER IN OUR UPSIDE DOWN WORLD



In Shiodome, Tokyo, a hulking, storybook contraption clings to the side of the Nettle Tower at Nippon Television's headquarters: the Giant Ghibli Clock.

Designed by legendary animator Hayao Miyazaki, it's less a timepiece than a mini mechanical theatre - gears, doors, figures, and little surprises that feel like they've wandered out of a fantastical workshop and onto a city skyscraper.

No need to buy a ticket: commuters can just look up and catch a burst of whimsy in the middle of a very modern district.

Further information on this remarkable clock can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1OiyYdsQrW4>

When you arise in the morning think of what a privilege it is to be alive, to think,
to enjoy, to love.....

– Marcus Aurelius, Meditations



Give me a sense of humour, Lord, give me the grace to see a joke, to get some humour out of life, and pass it on to other folk.

Diet tip: If you think you're hungry, you might just be thirsty. Have a bottle of wine first and then see how you feel.



"It's ok to mix peas and corn, but don't call it 'porn'."



"Your baby is developing very nicely. Would you like to send him an e-mail?"



"Before we begin, can I just check you're OK receiving occasional marketing emails from us?"



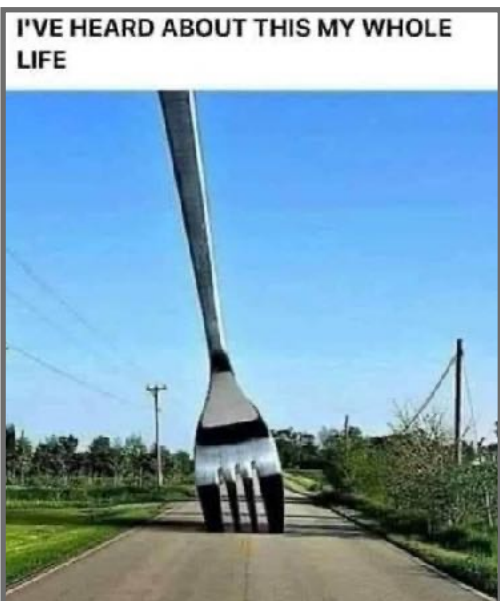
"They said my call is very important to them, so I'm going to stick it out"



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Date	Member
[02]	Kar-Tin Lee
[05]	Greg McGilvery
[12]	Nicki Duveck-Smith
[21]	Anne Clay
[25]	John Ladbrook
[25]	John Wright
[30]	Barry Henzell

We are not aging, we are ripening to perfection.



Our Probus Club's Walk Captain has been in Sri Lanka so we were somewhat adrift

We will be able to publish an article in the May edition so you will all have something to look forward to.

OUR WONDERFUL DAY ON NORTH STRADBROKE ISLAND



Nine of our members banded together for a day trip to North Stradbroke Island on Thursday March 26. It was a gloriously fine day so views were spectacular and, following our ferry trip to the island, we set out on the Point Lookout Gorge Walk which provides magnificent views of the ocean and local flora and fauna.

The boardwalk has wonderful opportunities to view the various aspects of the headland and the Pacific Ocean. We were able to walk at our own pace and to stop and view wherever our interest took us.

Redland City Council (together with some funding provided by the Federal Government) have constructed viewing platforms and seating where time can be taken to absorb the superb views.

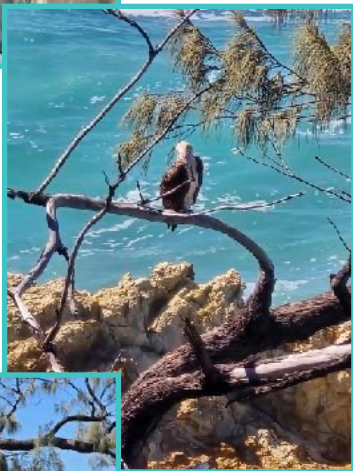
We saw Sea Eagles perched in a tree just waiting for lunch and we even saw a kangaroo quietly munching grass just off the verge of our walkway.

Although the tide was low, the surf rolling in was impressive and that provided an excellent opportunity to view the Gorge inlet and the Cascades in full glory. The maelstrom of the ocean meant we didn't get to see turtles surfacing in the Gorge area nor were there dolphins out in the breakers. Missing those two drawcards didn't detract from the overall beauty of the area and of the day.

Having completed the walk we took ourselves off to lunch at Six Beaches Fish Grill & Bar where the food was excellent and the owner only too delighted to have the opportunity of welcoming nine hungry people into his establishment. He provided excellent service and we dined right royally. We had a safe trip back on the ferry and home after a very satisfying outing. Kar-Tin drove home and provided Vera Lynn music to lull us off to sleep. [Jacqui](#)



MORE STRADDIE PHOTOS



With thanks to Marea, Phil and Kar-Tin for sharing their photographs



OUR GROUP OF 9 - FROM LEFT TO RIGHT
Kay, Marea, Patty, Tricia, Kar-Tin,
Lalla, Alf, Jacqui & Phil



MEETING ROSTERS

APRIL 2026

KITCHEN

Laurie Richards - Convenor - 0403 514 932

Susan Wright

SANDWICHES

Janet West & Barbara Fitzell

FRONT DOOR

Tricia Hanlon & Anne Gooley

GREETERS

Phil Cheras & Greg McGilvery

ROOM SETUP

John Peake & Alastair Ward

