

## **The Probus Rendezvous 2007-On the Gold Coast**

The dedication and commitment of the Gold Coast-Tweed Probus Rendezvous 2007 Association represented by delegates from the Probus clubs of Parkwood, Sorrento, Palm Beach Mens, Coolangatta-Tweed Heads Mens, Gold Coast Central, Beenleigh and Robina resulted in the huge success of Rendezvous 2007!

Some 822 delegates registered for the Rendezvous including 200 delegates from New Zealand, two delegates from Japan and 24 local clubs from the Gold Coast. Large Probus delegate contingents came from Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria.

### **The Event**

The opening ceremony was impressive with a parade of VIPs and officials including the Chairman of the Probus Centre-South Pacific Inc. led by the Presidents of the seven host clubs wearing their presidential regalia. The banners of those clubs hung on the wall of the Pavilion Ballroom where the ceremony took place. Country flags were carried by members of the Life Saving Association and local Gold Coast Meter Maids. Personalities from the Australian Outback Spectacular performed and delegates were captivated by the exceptional talent of local students from All Saints Anglican School.

PCSP hosted the Welcome Dinner at the Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre as part of the Rendezvous program with 625 delegates enjoying the music provided by the Paradise City Jazz Band, entertaining and sobering realities of will making by Keynote Speaker Brian Herd and were entertained and amused by the sensational Opera Diva Judy Glen.

Wednesday was Expo Day with Trade Travel's network partners offering a huge array of fabulous prizes followed by the spectacular Conrad Jupiter's Matinee Show. The Gala Dinner with brightly costumed stilt walkers and the Paradise City Jazz Band providing the music for the evening giving the delegates a chance to dance the night away! Over the week many day trips and evening dinners were enjoyed by delegates in the 'True Spirit' of Probus – fun, friendship and fellowship.

The final day saw the PCSP hosted Discussion Forum and closing ceremony where the Probus flag was handed over to the host city of Christchurch for Rendezvous 2008. Many friendships rekindled – many new friendships made and many more delegates with a resolve to catch up again in Christchurch next year. See you there!



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