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Red Hill–Ithaca Probus Club (Inc)

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MAY 2025

Meetings: 9.30am 2nd Thursday each month except Dec and Jan
Red Hill Bowls, Sports, and Community Club
22 Fulcher Rd, Red Hill Qld

Web site: <https://www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/probusclubofredhill-ithaca>

Letter from the President

As a committee, we focus on why each of you, each of us, is a participant in the Probus club. Why do you get up and don nice clothes, travel, pay money, and wait patiently for proceedings to begin? The main reasons are, we believe, to do with spending time with nice, friendly people and sharing opinions and stories with them.

The functions, the excursion trips, the lunches, the card days, and other activities offer the opportunity to interact with this group of individuals in a different setting and to enjoy their company more. Our Probus functions are away from disruptive and impatient behaviour. You can just relax and enjoy the moments.

We all know and appreciate how much effort various committee members exert in making our gatherings better. The food and beverages, the prizes, the arrangements, are all so well done.

Today, let's consider a task that is a little more behind the scenes, that of arranging speakers. Enlisting individuals who are at least moderately interesting to everyone and of keen interest to more than a few is a genuine art form.

The pool of willing presenters shifts and changes but is always quite small. Sometimes we are fortunate enough to have relevant speakers from within the group, but, by definition, that pool is smaller still. Sifting through the possibilities, arranging times and facilities, are significant tasks. Great thanks are due to those making this all happen.

It is a big challenge. It would also be helpful when members of our club recommend potential speakers and provide objective evaluation of those who do present. Such feedback serves as guidance and is handled discreetly.

Members of the club have also submitted a few suggestions, via our new suggestion box. These have been considered, and action is in train to implement them.

Meanwhile, please get to the meetings and functions as often as you are able. Please also recall my request that you "buttonhole" a potential new member should you find the opportunity. We will endeavour to make your investment and effort worthwhile.

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We will always remember them.

Fees for 2025-2026 now overdue

Due to rising costs some small increases in fees were approved at the AGM. Fees for 2025-2026:

Annual subscription	\$40
Monthly meeting charge	\$10
Joining fee for new members	\$20

Meet and Greet – May General Meeting

Jan Rodd + 1



The preferred way to pay annual subs or for outings is by direct bank transfer (EFT):
Club bank details: BSB 064 102 A/c No 10404988.

And put for reference: Your Name; what it is for: eg CameronX2 AugBBQ

But please – label each payment, and only one item per transfer.

Red Hill-Ithaca Probus Club Australian Business Number (ABN): 92338603976.

Coming Events

Tue 6 May	Cards Group	12.30pm at Ashgrove Library
Thur 8 May	General Meeting	9.30am Red Hill Bowls, Sports and Community Club
Tue 20 May	Coffee and Chat	10am Tara Café at The Gap Village
Thur 15 May	Activity	City Cat cruise from the city to Hamilton Reach for lunch
Thur 22 May	Dine-out	12.30pm Stafford Tavern, Webster Road, Stafford
Thur 19 June	Outing	Bus trip to HOTA on the Gold Coast
Thur 26 June	Birthday Lunch	The Grove Restaurant, Ashgrove



***A very happy birthday from all of your friends
at Red Hill-Ithaca Probus Club***

M A Y

Denise Smith Robin Zaver
Fay O'Sullivan Roz Raleigh
Wendy Waggitt

Members' Interest Talk

We are always looking for members to tell us about themselves, their interests or their travels. That enables us to get to know each other better. Just a 5-to-10-minute talk preferably given by yourself, but help is available if needed. It could be having a Q&A chat with another member; or having someone telling your story for you.

Guest Speakers

April

Dr Jack Ford: **"The Yanks did What?"** The arrival of the US military in WW II. Dr Ford entertained us with some of the dodgy behind-the-scenes activities of the US military personnel in Brisbane in the 1940s.

May

Barbara Eastoe, President of Newmarket Probus Club, has travelled extensively. In May, she will take us with her on a trip to **"Turkey in the Spring."**

June

Club member Ian Taylor will again take us back to the early days of Brisbane as a preview to an upcoming Enoggera Historical Society presentation.

Dine-Out

Thursday 22 May. 12.30pm. Stafford Tavern. Webster Road, Stafford. Please let Caroline or Greg Graham know if you are coming. 0411 459 687 carolineanngraham@gmail.com

Members Directory Update

An update of Members' details and any changes to your address, emergency contacts, interests, etc will get under way soon. You can contact Lyn Perks with any changes or complete a slip that you will see on the tables at the AGM. Please give completed slips to Lyn, Caroline, Sue or Fran.

Book Exchange table

The many books brought along to the exchange table each month provide clear evidence that our members need no encouragement to keep up their reading. The benefits of reading to memory and maintaining an active mind are well documented. Keep bringing along your books, magazines, DVDs and CDs. Remember to collect anything you bring that isn't taken by others on the day.

Recognition of Long Service

Your committee has decided that there will be formal acknowledgement of members who have been in the club for 25 years. Awards will be presented at the club birthday lunch at The Grove restaurant on 26 June.

Membership

Currently 57. There are a couple of prospective new members. We are always looking for new members so remember to tell your friends about Probus and its themes of Friendship, Fellowship and Fun.

Cards Group

Next meeting 12.30 to 4.30pm Tuesday 6 May at Ashgrove Library.



Go right through to the last door on the left. Please bring your own cups. The group usually play Bolivia, a version of Canasta. Regulars will be happy to teach newcomers. Separate groups could play a different game if preferred. The Cards Group is keen to attract more players, especially "500" players.

Please let Jan Wilson know if you are coming. 3300 3330.

Coffee and Chat

10am, Tuesday 20th May
Tara Café at The Gap Village
Let Di Perry know if you are going.
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SMILE

The correct spelling of "school" is "school," not "school." Some people put the second O before the first O. That is not correct.

How do you spell "mousetrap?" CAT

Don't you know the King's English?

Yes ... I heard he was.

**My friend got me a cheap dictionary.
I couldn't find the words to thank him.**

What do you call a FISH with no eyes? A FSH

Autumn colours across SE Queensland



Golden penda (*Xanthostemon chrysanthus*)

Bus Trip to Caloundra – April

A day out at the Sunshine Coast. An 8.30am departure from Red Hill Bowls, Sports and Community Centre saw us at Pioneer Park in Landsborough for morning tea. Then a fascinating visit to the Queensland Aviation Museum at Caloundra Airport. We then enjoyed lunch at the Power Boat Club, Golden Beach, looking across to the ever-widening gap in the northern end of Bribie Island. Then back on the bus for the ride home to Red Hill.

Calendar of events:

The Red Hill-Ithaca Probus Club web site is fully functional at:

<https://www.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/probusclubofredhill-ithaca/Welcome>

or just search for Red Hill-Ithaca Probus and your browser will find the link.

Do have a look at the web site regularly. It is kept up to date for all the club's activities, and the Important Information page has **Handy Links**, notes on **Health and Wellbeing** and other articles of interest.

Lord Mayor's Seniors Concerts

City Hall - Tuesdays 12.00noon – 1pm. No bookings needed. Free.

Tuesday 6 May – A Girl from Greece: A Tribute to Nana Mouskouri

With a career spanning over seven decades and album sales in the hundreds of millions, Nana Mouskouri has a place in the hearts of music lovers worldwide. Just mention her name, and people share their love of the singer and her music. In 'The Girl from Greece: A Tribute to Nana Mouskouri,' our audience will journey through Nana's greatest hits, from 'Never on a Sunday' to 'White Rose of Athens.'

Tuesday 13 May – A Tribute to Elvis: From The Ghetto to Brisvegas!

Experience the magic of Elvis Presley as Brisbane's own Tristan James takes the City Hall stage. Described as 'a must-see for any Elvis Presley fan', Tristan brings enjoyment, fun, and uniqueness to every performance. At the same age as Elvis was during his prime, Tristan captures the energy and spirit of the King like no other.

Tuesday 20 May – British and American Band Masterworks

The Queensland Conservatorium Wind Orchestra presents a program featuring the most celebrated and admired works of the wind band repertoire. From the British pageantry and tradition of Holst and Vaughan Williams to the exuberance of American circus music, military marches and Broadway medleys, this concert will uplift the spirits and have you tapping your toes, snapping your fingers and whistling along.

Tuesday 27 May – The Beehives Tribute

Gold Coast girls The Beehives sing and dance their way through the hit parade of the 60s and 70s, celebrating the girl groups who dominated the airwaves. Revisit the music of The Shirelles, The Ronettes, The Crystals, Martha and The Vandellas, and the number one girls' group on the Motown label, The Supremes. Join in the dance crazes with 'Let's Twist Again', 'Land of a Thousand Dances' and 'Shake Your Tailfeather'.

THE COLOURS OF LIGHT

Dorothea Mackellar

This is not easy to understand
For you that come from a distant land
Where all the colours are low in pitch -
Deep purples, emeralds deep and rich,
Where autumn's flaming and summer's green -
Here is a beauty you have not seen.

All is pitched in a higher key,
Lilac, topaz, and ivory,
Palest jade-green and pale clear blue
Like aquamarines that the sun shines through,
Golds and silvers, we have at will -
Silver and gold on each plain and hill,
Silver-green of the myall leaves,
Tawny gold of the garnered sheaves,
Silver rivers that silent slide,
Golden sands by the water-side,

Golden wattle, and golden broom,
Silver stars of the rosewood bloom;
Amber sunshine, and smoke-blue shade:
Opal colours that glow and fade;
On the gold of the upland grass
Blue cloud-shadows that swiftly pass;
Wood-smoke blown in an azure mist;
Hills of tenuous amethyst . . .

Oft the colours are pitched so high
The deepest note is the cobalt sky;
We have to wait till the sunset comes
For shades that feel like the beat of drums -
Or like organ notes in their rise and fall -
Purple and orange and cardinal,
Or the peacock-green that turns soft and slow
To peacock-blue as the great stars show . . .

Sugar-gum boles flushed to peach-blow pink;
Blue-gums, tall at the clearing's brink;
Ivory pillars, their smooth fine slope
Dappled with delicate heliotrope;
Grey of the twisted mulga-roots;
Golden-bronze of the budding shoots;
Tints of the lichens that cling and spread,
Nile-green, primrose, and palest red . . .

Sheen of the bronze-wing; blue of the crane;
Fawn and pearl of the lyrebird's train;
Cream of the plover; grey of the dove -
These are the hues of the land I love.



Australian 2025 50c uncirculated
three-coin set – Poems by Dorothea Mackellar

How is the date of Easter determined?

Easter Sunday is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal (March) equinox. It can be anywhere from 22 March to 25 April. Why does it vary rather than being on a fixed date like Christmas? Don't ask! Very complex story.

Groaners. Probus punnies. Sorry - don't blame the messenger.

What do you call a bullet proof Irishman? Rick O'Shea

Have you ever tried eating a clock? It is really time-consuming, especially if you go for seconds.

My friend went bald years ago, but he still carries an old comb around with him. He just can't part with it.

The invention of the shovel was a ground-breaking discovery. But it was creating the broom that swept the nation.

I tried to come up with a carpentry pun that woodwork. I think I nailed it but nobody saw it.

I once dated a girl with a lazy eye. I always thought she was seeing someone on the side.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It is impossible to put down.

I didn't think orthopaedic shoes would help. But I stand corrected.

What is the difference between ignorance and indifference? I don't know and I don't care.

What do you call a magician who has lost his magic? Ian.

Thief steals wheels off police car. Detectives working tirelessly to catch him.

What do you call a melon that can't get married? Cantaloupe.

A slice of pie costs \$2 in Jamaica. It costs \$2.50 in Trinidad. These are the pie rates of the Caribbean.

I accidentally passed my wife a glue stick instead of a chop stick. She is still not talking to me.

What stays outside all year in Ireland? Patty O'Furniture.

A man said to his wife, "the chaps at the club say that the postman has slept with every woman on this street except one." Wife replies, "I bet it's Paula."

At McDonalds today I ate a kid's meal. It was quite good, but his mum was furious.

My wife rang to tell me that she had seen a fox on the way to work. I asked her how she knew it was on the way to work. She hung up on me.

What is the sound of a 747 hard landing? Boeing, boeing, boeing.

A lumberjack went into a forest and was about to chop down a tree when it cried out, "Don't chop me. I'm a talking tree." To which he replied, "And you will dialogue."

A friend said she didn't understand cloning. I said, "That makes two of us."

There was a big paddle sale on at the boat shop. It was quite an oar deal.

I asked my friend to spell wonton backwards. He said, "Not now."

My friend keeps saying "Cheer up pal. It could be worse. You could be stuck in a hole full of water." I know he means well.

I entered ten puns in a competition to see if any would win. No pun in ten did.

I saw an ad for a radio for \$10. It said the volume was stuck on full. I said, "I can't turn that down."

What is the difference between a poorly dressed man on a tricycle and a well-dressed man on a bicycle? Attire.

Political campaign in the outback – "Farmer wants a WiFi."

Signs of the times

Signs appearing on the backs of Teslas

I BOUGHT THIS CAR BEFORE ELON WENT NUTTY

Signs appearing on the backs of BYDs

I BOUGHT THIS CAR AFTER ELON WENT NUTTY

The Amiens Bridge Monument

In September 2019, in response to a proposal from 1 Field Squadron RAE Association, the Amiens City Council, France voted to build a bridge as an access to the *Jardin de Plantes (Garden of the Plants)*. The bridge serves as a monument while providing pedestrian, wheelchair, and bicycle access. It recalls the first day of the Battle of Amiens on 8 August 1918 when Australian Engineers proved crucial to the outcome of the battle. The bridge has been named “The Bridge of Friendship Between Australia and France” and is the culmination of significant collaboration and support between the Amiens City Council and the 1 Field Squadron RAE Association.



Why an Amiens Bridge to commemorate Australian Engineers of WW1?

On the 8th of August 1918 in Amiens – France, the Australian Army Engineers (Sappers) demonstrated incredible courage, determination, and initiative under fire. It was the first day of the Battle of Amiens. On that one day, three Australian Sappers were nominated for the Victoria Cross.

There were 15 high-level decorations awarded to Australian Army engineers on that day. There were another 13 decorations awarded to Australian Army engineers on 29 September 1918 when they helped to break through the “impregnable” Hindenburg Line. There had been memorials to several Australian Army Engineer units as individuals, but nothing to commemorate the Corps of Australian Engineers. “The Bridge of Friendship Between Australia and France” is a monument commemorating the collective efforts of the Australian Engineers of WW1.

