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Red Hill–Ithaca Probus Club (Inc)

NEWSLETTER 280

June 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.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/probusclubofredhill-ithaca>

President's letter for June 2025

June is a particularly big month for our Club. We celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the organization. A lunch has been arranged, and it is hoped that everyone will attend. It will be a happy occasion for a special milestone.

The year end membership has been tallied, and the new directory will be available in a few weeks. There is room for a few more members and again I urge you to speak with potential new members and invite them to come and see. We are strengthening the greeting functions and will make sure new candidates are guided in and made welcome.

Suggestions continue to be received and are much appreciated. One commented that we would gain from keeping the meetings shorter so that more time for social interaction is available. We will strive to keep things succinct and hope the talk between members is fun and informative. Your thoughts on how we might prune the meetings will be welcome, even if they involve getting the president to sit down and be quiet.

As mentioned, all suggestions are considered and enacted if practical. Although there is a supply of note paper headed suggestion box, this is not required for your ideas. Jot your suggestion(s) down on whatever stationery and put it in the box.

My admiration for the music of Ella Fitzgerald led me to the word "ennui". The dictionary definition of this term is "mental weariness from lack of occupation or interest.". Perhaps a good definition of what Probus is all about is dispelling such feelings by being occupied together on various interesting adventures.

Please continue to be involved in chasing away any ennui by joining in the things Probus offers and enjoying the company of friends on adventures.

Geoff has notified separately of the demise of one our long-term members. Sympathies go out to his family, I am sure, from all members of our Probus club. As was said in the notice, "Vale, Len Zaver".

On a brighter note, I look forward to seeing you at cards, lunch, on the bus, and, of course, at meetings. Stay safe and well.

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Meet and greet – June General Meeting

Leith Swyny and Margaret Taube

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

Aurora Australis

Southern Tasmania - 1 June 2025



COVID threat increases

A new variant of COVID 19, designated NB.1.8.1, is spreading rapidly around the world, and is already the dominant strain in some countries. The new variant is highly infectious, adding to concerns by health authorities about the declining vaccination rate. Now is the time to make sure that your COVID 19 booster vaccinations are up to date. And don't forget your flu vax. There's a lot of that about too.



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	3 June	Cards Group	12.30pm at Ashgrove Library
Thur	12 June	General Meeting	9.30am Red Hill Bowls, Sports and Community Club
Tue	17 June	Coffee and Chat	10am Tara Café at The Gap Village Not this month
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***

JUNE

Jan Wilson Sue Vivian Jan Rodd

Plus – of course: **25 years since the founding of Ithaca Probus Club**
Happy birthday to us all.

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

May

Barbara Eastoe, President of Newmarket Probus Club, has travelled extensively. In May Barbara took us through her very good photos from her visit 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.

July

Queensland Police Service: **Home Security**

Dine-Out

Thursday 26 June. 12.30pm. Our 25th birthday lunch. The Grove, Waterworks Rd, Ashgrove. Please let Caroline or Greg Graham know if you are coming. 0411 459 687
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Members Directory Update

An update of Members' details and any changes to your address, emergency contacts, interests, etc is almost completed. 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.

Cards Group

Next meeting 12.30 to 4.30pm Tuesday 3 June 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

CANCELLED FOR JUNE

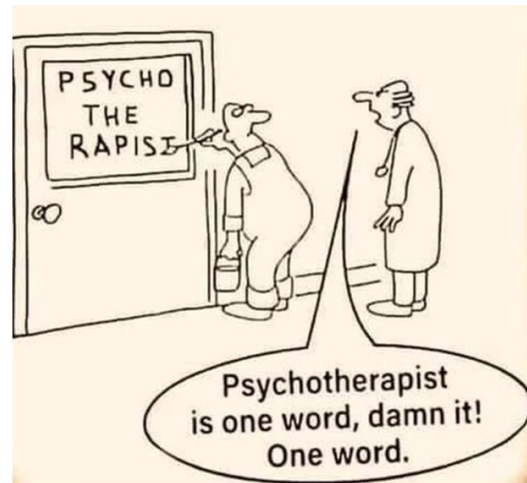
Tara Café at The Gap Village

Let Di Perry know if you are going.

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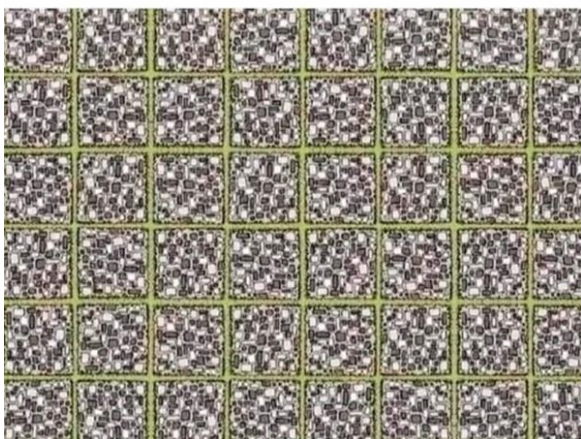


SMILE



EYE TEST

Find the curved line



Email Warning.

Don't open any email starting with "Knock Knock." It will be a Jehovah's Witness working from home.

*Time to try dabbling in paint again.
We haven't had our brushes out for a while.*



"La Salute, 1908" Arthur Streeton
Oil on canvas. (535 x 845mm)

Think you could whip out something like this? Worth a try. This one sold on 7 May 2025 in Sydney for \$1,472,727 (inc. Buyer's Premium).

Membership

Currently 56. 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.

Bus trip to HOTA – Home of the Arts on the Gold Coast

Thursday 19 June 2025.

\$40 for bus. Leaves from Red Hill Bowls Club at 8.30am. Return by about 4.30pm. HOTA mostly free. Buy your own lunch at the Gold Coast RSL.

What is on at HOTA?

A Bigger View (Free)

Made possible through the Australian Government's *Sharing the National Collection* initiative, this exhibition brings together masterpieces from the National Gallery of Australia (NGA) alongside major works from our very own collection. Spanning decades and continents, each epic in scale and subject, these artworks demonstrate the various and unique approaches artists take to the landscape.

A highlight will be two artworks created by Henri Matisse (1869 -1954), one of Europe's greatest twentieth-century modernist artists. Accompanying Matisse's uniquely abstracted views of sea and sky forms is an extraordinary work by senior Australian artist, Imants Tillers, presenting a vision of the Australian landscape inspired by Eugene Von Guérard's 1863 masterpiece ***North-east view from the northern top of Mount Kosciusko***.

These works will be complemented by stunning works from HOTA's own collection. ***Uluru*** by Pintupi artist Long Tom Tjapanangka brings a First Nations perspective of Australia's biggest landmark to the exhibition, and a stunning hinterland painting by beloved Australian artist William Robinson invites contemplation of the natural world around us.

National Gallery of Australia: Enjoy this Trip - The Art of Music Posters (Free)

Drawn from the National Gallery's expansive collection of Australian and international music posters spanning the 1960s to 1980s, ***Enjoy this trip: The Art of Music Posters*** captures the spirit of the times as an era of experimentation.

Journey back to the Summer of Love and be transported to a time when the music was funky, the art was kaleidoscopic, and psychedelia was in full swing. ***Enjoy this trip*** presents a nostalgic exploration of the times through art, graphic design, music, colour and typography.



Calendar of events:

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

<https://www.probusouthpacific.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.

Broadway Melodies – Tue 03 Jun, 12:00pm – 01:00pm

The Golden Years of Broadway Musicals come to the stage at City Hall. We all remember with delight the big Broadway Musicals like Singin' in the Rain, The Wizard of Oz and The Sound of Music. Our talented cast of young performers will sing and dance their way through some of Music Theatre's most delightful show tunes such as Do-Re-Mi, we're off to see the Wizard and Singin' in the Rain, and it would not be complete without a ritzy tap number like Step in Time or Broadway Melody to round out this nostalgic experience

Strings do Strauss – Tue 10 Jun, 12:00pm – 01:00pm

Lord Mayor's City Hall Concerts presents Strings do Strauss. Johann Strauss II would turn 200 years old this year, and Angel Strings are here to celebrate it with you. Known as the 'King of the Waltz' for developing the structure, rhythmic subtlety and expressive powers of the previously simple and repetitive dance piece, Strauss contributed an abundance of works to the genre. Angel Strings quartet are thrilled to share some of these with you, including The Beautiful Blue Danube, The Emperor Waltz and Pizzicato Polka, plus the glorious overture from his operetta Die Fledermaus. Feel free to wear your dancing shoes!

The Beatlegs – Tue 17 Jun, 12:00pm – 01:00pm.

Taking you on a journey during the fame of the most iconic rock and roll band, The Beatles, Queensland's very own Beatles tribute show, The Beatlegs, will take you back in time to relive the years of one of the greatest rock 'n' roll bands of all time. The Beatlegs is the ultimate Beatles tribute show, and you won't believe your eyes and ears, with their costume changes including the grey A Hard Day's Night era suit and infamous Sgt. Pepper outfits, with their brilliant harmonies.

LAUGH TIME

Just went on a date with a welder. Man - were the sparks flying?

My girlfriend isn't talking to me. She said I ruined her birthday.
But how's that possible? I didn't even know it was her birthday.

I married Al Wright, but I didn't know Al was short for always.

Are you French? Because Eiffel for you.



Smile a while

Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.

Just so everyone is clear, I'm going to put my glasses on.

I lost my job as a stage designer. I left without making a scene.

Why is 'dark' spelled with a k and not c? Because you can't "c" in the dark.

When I told my contractor I didn't want carpeted steps, I was given blank stares.

Scientists studied the effects of alcohol on a person's walk, and the result was staggering.

I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows, and nuts. I won't lie; it was a rocky road.

Poet's
Poet's
Corner
Corner

Live life in verse

Australia - wide brown land girt by sea

C A T S – The Musical (Andrew Lloyd Webber) is coming back!

It is based on T.S.Eliot's poems about cats.



Lately I've started
to accept the fact
it's likely my soulmate
will just be my cat

Macavity: The Mystery Cat

T. S. Eliot (1888 – 1965)

Macavity's a Mystery Cat: he's called the Hidden Paw—
For he's the master criminal who can defy the Law.
He's the bafflement of Scotland Yard, the Flying Squad's despair:
For when they reach the scene of crime—Macavity's not there!

Macavity, Macavity, there's no one like Macavity,
He's broken every human law, he breaks the law of gravity.
His powers of levitation would make a fakir stare,
And when you reach the scene of crime—Macavity's not there!

You may seek him in the basement, you may look up in the air—
But I tell you once and once again, Macavity's not there!

Macavity's a ginger cat, he's very tall and thin;
You would know him if you saw him, for his eyes are sunken in.
His brow is deeply lined with thought, his head is highly domed;
His coat is dusty from neglect, his whiskers are uncombed.

He sways his head from side to side, with movements like a snake;
And when you think he's half asleep, he's always wide awake.
Macavity, Macavity, there's no one like Macavity,
For he's a fiend in feline shape, a monster of depravity.

You may meet him in a by-street, you may see him in the square—
But when a crime's discovered, then Macavity's not there!

He's outwardly respectable. (They say he cheats at cards.)
And his footprints are not found in any file of Scotland Yard's.
And when the larder's looted, or the jewel-case is rifled,
Or when the milk is missing, or another Peke's been stifled,

Or the greenhouse glass is broken, and the trellis past repair—
Ay, there's the wonder of the thing! Macavity's not there!

And when the Foreign Office find a Treaty's gone astray,
Or the Admiralty lose some plans and drawings by the way,
There may be a scrap of paper in the hall or on the stair—
But it's useless to investigate—Macavity's not there!

And when the loss has been disclosed, the Secret Service say:
'It must have been Macavity!'—but he's a mile away.
You'll be sure to find him resting, or a-licking of his thumbs;
Or engaged in doing complicated long division sums.

Macavity, Macavity, there's no one like Macavity,
There never was a Cat of such deceitfulness and suavity.
He always has an alibi, and one or two to spare:
At whatever time the deed took place—MACAVITY WASN'T THERE!

And they say that all the Cats whose wicked deeds are widely known
(I might mention Mungojerrie, I might mention Griddlebone)
Are nothing more than agents for the Cat who all the time
Just controls their operations: the Napoleon of Crime!