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Red Hill–Ithaca Probus Club (Inc)

NEWSLETTER 282

August 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

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Meet and greet – August General Meeting Malcolm and Elizabeth Brown

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

Reminder

Don't forget to put your mobile phones into silent mode or turn them off at the start of our meeting.

Further reminder


COVID and flu numbers are continuing to increase in the community making it even more important to keep up our vaccinations.


Our age group need to maintain our vaccinations in at least COVID, influenza, tetanus and shingles.

An even greater concern is the decline in children's vaccinations. All those serious threats like measles, mumps, scarlet fever, whooping cough and chicken pox, which were rife when we were young but much reduced in the intervening years are on the rise again. So, it is very important that children's vaccination programs are maintained.

Coming Events

Tue	2 Sep	Cards Group	12.30pm at Ashgrove Library
Thur	14 Aug	General Meeting	9.30am Red Hill Bowls, Sports and Community Club
Tue	19 Aug	Coffee and Chat	10am Tara Café at The Gap Village
Thur	21 Aug	Outing	TBA
Thur	28 Aug	Dine-out	12.30pm Arana Leagues Club

	<p>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.</p>
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	<p><i>A very happy birthday from all of your friends at Red Hill-Ithaca Probus Club</i></p> <p>AUGUST</p> <p>Dorothy James Bruce McBryde Ian Taylor Malcolm Brown</p>
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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

August – no guest speaker, but Aussie Bush Poet **Noel Stallard** returns to again regale us with his rapid-fire renditions during our Show Time activities.

September – “Living with wildlife – the good, the bad and the ugly.” Wildlife expert **Adrian Caneris** will tell us about all those things we might see in our yards and all those things of which we are mostly unaware that inhabit our ceilings. Adrian enjoys making “wildlife” understood by everyone and does this with a cheeky mix of passion and humour.

Dine-Out

Thursday 28 August. 12.30pm. Arana Leagues Club, 247 Dawson Parade, Keperra
 Sign the Dine-out book and let Caroline Graham know if you are coming. 0411 459 687

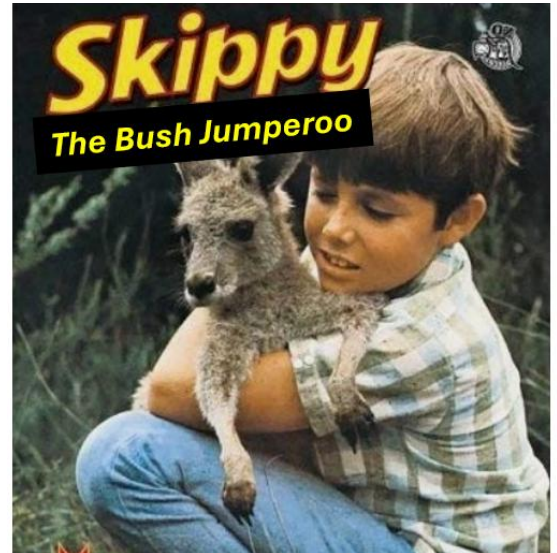
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Outing

Thursday 20 August. TBA

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.



Cards Group



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

**Next meeting 12.30 to 4.30pm
Tuesday 2 September 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.



Coffee and Chat

Tuesday 19 August

Tara Café at The Gap Village

Let Di Perry know if you are going.

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Membership

Currently 53. 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.

VP Day 15 August

VP Day, or Victory in the Pacific, also known as VJ Day, or Victory over Japan. Commemorates Japan's acceptance of the Allied demand for unconditional surrender.

The 80th anniversary of Victory in the Pacific (VP) Day marks a solemn and proud milestone in history, commemorating the end of World War II in the Pacific in August 1945. We need to remember the stories of 80 years ago and the important role played by Capalaba and Birkdale, especially the building and area known as the US Army High Frequency Radio Receiving Station (photo right), now known as the Birkdale Community Precinct. Radio Station - National Archives and Records Administration. The VP Day 80 community celebration serves not only to mark the conclusion of a devastating conflict but also to reinforce the values of peace, unity, and national pride. By gathering memories and knowledge, we honour the past and also ensure that younger Australians understand the profound impact of this day.



The US Army High Frequency Radio Receiving Station at Capalaba/Birkdale under the command of General Douglas MacArthur.

August General Meeting

Show Time: Like last year, at the August General meeting we will be celebrating the annual Ekka Show with our own fun event! So, get ready for **SHOW TIME!**

Everyone is asked to bring along/**wear their favourite hat/cap**.... Everyone has one! It can be your oldest, best, country, sport, favourite, city, garden, new, old, club or work hat/cap!

Show Time will include an **Aussie bush poet**, Noel Stallard (in his Akubra), to show his talents, Lucky dip **Showbag door prize**, a couple of **Word Games to show your knowledge** and an **Aussie Show Time Trivia competition**.... And that's not all! We'll have our **Show Time ice cream** too! There will be prizes as well. Don't forget to put your thinking caps on!

So, wearing your favourite hat, get ready to Show off your talents at our **Show Time event!**
(Brian Blaney).



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.

Tuesday 5 August – A Grand Affair with Brass Band and Organ

It is always a grand affair when the spectacular Father Henry Willis Organ, played by organist Phillip Gearing, is paired with the Queensland Conservatorium of Music Brass Band, under the baton of Howard Taylor. This collaboration has become somewhat of a tradition over the past few years, with concerts celebrating everything from movie themes to the Best of British. This grand concert will be another affair to remember!

Tuesday 12 August – The Magic of Gatsby

Midnight Jazz brings the spirit of the roaring 1920s to life with fresh, vibrant renditions of jazz classics. The group features Meredith Brothers (piano), Stephanie Larman (vocals), Jeremy Klysz (double bass), Evan Evans (drums), and Ken Chow (tenor saxophone). Their dynamic performances breathe new life into timeless tunes like Stardust and Ain't Misbehavin', blending nostalgia with innovative arrangements. Dress up in your best Gatsby outfit and get into the swing of this unforgettable afternoon of rhythm, melody, and toe-tapping swing.

Tuesday 19 August – Jason Daniels Trio

THIS CONCERT WILL BE AUSLAN INTERPRETED.

Jason Daniels is a man that has let music take him on a journey quite unlike anything he'd ever expected. Starting his solo career in 2015 playing a blend of blues, groove and singer/songwriter, the music he's played has taken him to over 10 countries and 500 shows supported by numerous original song releases. Along with his current solo project, Jason also plays in a range of other bands including The Dreggs, Brook St and session guitar for both Tay Oskee and Austin Mackay. His live set includes extended improve groove, fun originals with unique storytelling and special moments of sing-along connection.

Tuesday 26 August – Rising Piano Stars from the Australian Piano Duo Festival

Join us for an unforgettable concert as some of Queensland's most talented young pianists take the stage! Experience a captivating concert featuring piano classics, beloved songs and movie themes, and show-stopping performances. This concert showcases exceptional young musicians from the Young Conservatorium, Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University, and the University of Queensland School of Music Chamber Music Academy, in duos and trios at the piano, alongside leading Australian pianists supported by the Australian Piano Duo Festival.

clancy@theoverflow .. © Joe Wolfe (with apologies to Banjo Paterson)

I had written him a text,
Which I'd sent, hoping the next
Time he came in mobile coverage
He'd have time to say hello.

But I'd heard he'd lost his iPhone,
So I emailed him from my phone,
Just addressed, on spec, as follows:
clancy@theoverflow

And the answer – redirected –
Wasn't quite what I'd expected
And it wasn't from the shearing mate
Who'd answered once before.

His ISP provider wrote it
And verbatim I will quote it:
'This account has been suspended:
You won't hear from him no more.'

In my wild erratic fancy
Visions come to me of Clancy:
Out of reach of mobile coverage
Where the Western rivers flow.

Instead of tapping on the small screen,
He'd be camping by the tall green
River gums – a pleasure
That the town folk never know.

Well, the bush has friends to meet him
But the rest of us can't greet him:
Out there, even Telstra's network
Doesn't give you any bars.

He can't blog the vision splendid
Of the sunlit plains extended
Or tweet the wondrous glory
Of the everlasting stars.

I am sitting at the keyboard
And I'm too stressed out to be bored
As I answer all the emails
By the deadlines they contain

While my screen fills with promotions
For 'V1aggra' and strange potions
And announcements of the million-dollar
Prizes I can claim.

But the looming deadlines haunt me
And their harrying senders taunt me
That they need response this evening
For tomorrow is too late!

But their texts, too quickly ended,
Often can't be comprehended
For their writers have no time to think –
They have no time to wait.

And I sometimes rather fancy
That I'd like to trade with Clancy:
Just set up an email bouncer
Saying 'Sorry, had to go.'

While he faced an inbox jamming
Up with deadlines and with spamming
As he signed off every message:
clancy@theoverflow



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