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Red Hill–Ithaca Probus Club (Inc)

NEWSLETTER 283

September 2025

Meetings: 9.30am 2nd Thursday each month except Dec and Jan
Red Hill Bowls, Sports, and Community Club
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Meet and greet – September General Meeting Anne Evans and Peg French

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 also very important that children's vaccination programs are maintained.

Note from the president

A suggestion was received about making the monthly general meetings more conversational and social. In that vein, our immediate past president, Brian Blaney, put together a plan based around a bush poet, erudite Noel Stallard, and some interactive games that had tables competing for prizes. It seems everyone had fun and the feedback from most attendees has been very positive.

Many thanks to Brian for his creativity and organising for the day, and also for demonstrating that it is not necessary to indulge in lengthy reports and formalities every month. For my part, I will try to lighten things up and follow up on the suggestion. When next you seek a place to sit, remember who was good at trivia! And perhaps avoid them, who knows?

Thanks are also due, as ever, to the wonderful people who prepare the food and drinks, set the meetings up, and make it a pleasure to attend. Your quiet good work is much appreciated.

Please be sure to lodge an apology if you will not be able to attend. Please attend if you are able. As a fellowship group, we care for one another, and failure to hear from and account for any member leads to concern.

October is a big month for Probus in Australia. Our usual meeting time will be formatted to welcome prospective members and Alison has even arranged a special grant to assist us in making it a memorable event. For all of us, let's try to introduce new people to enjoy the Probus experience. Brochures and promotional material are available for you to use and please contact a committee member should you have any extra ideas or suggestions. The suggestion box lives on, too.


Before closing, let me return your attention to the safety and security information provided by our excellent speaker from the police force; particularly the "Seniors Safety" document. (See also "Security for Seniors" on p.5. Ed) There is a tendency to strike up conversations with strangers, particularly if you are stuck with them, say in a taxi or next to you on public transport. If you feel someone is prying, don't forget to mention your dog, a Staffie or German Shepherd might be appropriate. Hungry and waiting for you to get home.

Spring will be here soon. Relax and stay safe and well.

Brian Molloy

Coming Events

Tue	2 Sep	Cards Group	12.30pm at Ashgrove Library
Thur	11 Sep	General Meeting	9.30am Red Hill Bowls, Sports and Community Club
Tue	16 Sep	Coffee and Chat	10am Tara Café at The Gap Village
Thur	18 Sep	Outing	Citycat to Hamilton Reach
Thur	25 Sep	Dine-out	12.30pm Newmarket Hotel

	<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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Depresso . . . what you get when you miss your coffee break.
 Velcro . . . it's a rip-off.

Carlo and Rocky – Judy Blaney’s donkeys

Many members will remember Judy Blaney’s presentation last year about training, caring for and describing the special characteristics about her two donkeys, Carlo and Rocky.

After Judy’s health concerns, it was decided to gift the donkeys to a lady who is President of the Donkey Society of Queensland, and they were placed at her property at Moggill. Since then, they have achieved the next stage of their development and both are being ridden, bringing delight especially to children. However, there are a few remarkable GOOD NEWS stories about Carlo that are worth sharing about these beautiful animals.

The first story is that Carlo recently was guest of honour at a wedding, a wish come true for the bride who wanted a donkey in attendance. Carlo was a smash hit and all the guests thought so too.

The next story includes an experience that involved Carlo and one of our grandson’s when we still had Carlo and Rocky at Plainland. The current owner wrote and shared the following article with Judy – and it is heartwarming!

CARLO – a magical donkey

“Every donkey we meet is special. I am lucky enough to own a few donkeys, including Carlo who has been with me since May 2024. I’d like to tell you about some of Carlo’s special kind of magic.

I have a friend on disability who is also being treated for a sometimes-painful illness. She has spent regular time with my donkeys over the past 3 years and came over a few days ago for the first time in a couple of months. As she headed towards the donkeys, Carlo walked straight over to her and gently laid his head on her shoulder. He remained there for an unusually long time. I have never seen him do this before. Later my friend told me that her shoulder had been quite sore for a while. It was as though Carlo knew and was comforting her. She then told me that after he took his head off her shoulder, she realised the pain was gone! I was amazed and deeply moved.

When I relayed this to Carlo’s former owner, she told me another wonderful story. About 2 years ago, she and her three-year-old grandson were brushing Carlo and his paddock mate Rocky in a small yard. Her grandson wandered off and started to open the gate. He was chastised, after which he stood near the gate with his head down. Carlo quietly walked over to the little boy and lifted his hat with his teeth to check that he was okay.

I am humbled to know the depth of perception and compassion shown by my little donkey Carlo. I’ve heard about dogs knowing when someone is sick and being able to locate the source of the sickness in the body, but not about donkeys. Now we know that donkeys can do it too. Is it possible donkeys also have healing powers? After these experiences with Carlo, I believe some of them do”.





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

SEPTEMBER

Brian Hampton

Anthea McBryde

Brian Blaney

Elizabeth Brown

Jeanette Taylor

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

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.

Adrian is highly involved in wildlife focused community organisations. He is a founding member and president of the Queensland Wildlife Land fund, president of the Glossy Black Conservancy and is a past president of the Queensland Wildlife Preservation Society.

He is a self-confessed larrikin at heart and he not only enjoys wildlife but also having one. Some say he walks a fine line; others note, rarely is it a straight one.

October – “See you in Court!” After a preliminary hearing in July, these cases have been relisted for trials in October. Geoff Crane will be taking us through some legal proceedings in which the weather has played a significant role. Two civil cases, one criminal case, and if there is time a coronial inquest.

Dine-Out

Thursday 28 August. 12.30pm. Newmarket Hotel

Sign the Dine-out book. NB let **Fran Lowings** know if you are coming. 3366 2968

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Sad but true – and not just in movies



Security for Seniors – 10 Golden Rules

- ❑ 1. **Watch out for scams** — scammers target you anytime, anywhere, anyhow.
- ❑ 2. **Don't respond** — ignore suspicious emails, letters, house visits, phone calls or SMS messages — press 'delete', throw them out, shut the door or just hang up.
- ❑ 3. **Don't agree to an offer straight away** — do your research and seek independent advice if it involves significant money, time or commitment, and get the offer in writing.
- ❑ 4. **Ask yourself who you're really dealing with** — scammers pose as people or organisations that you know and trust.
- ❑ 5. **Don't let scammers push your buttons** — scammers will play on your emotions to get what they want, including adopting a personal touch.
- ❑ 6. **Keep your computer secure** — always update your firewall, anti-virus and anti-spyware software, and only buy from a verified source.
- ❑ 7. **Only pay online using a secure payment service** — look for a URL starting with 'https' and a closed padlock symbol.
- ❑ 8. **Never send money to someone you don't know and trust** — it's rare to recover money from a scammer.
- ❑ 9. **Protect your identity** — your personal details are private and invaluable; keep them that way and away from scammers.
- ❑ 10. **If you've spotted a scam, spread the word!** — tell your family and friends, and report it to SCAMwatch. www.scamwatch.gov.au
- ❑ **IDCARE** 1800 595 160 or www.idcare.org — Identity and Cyber Support Service

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



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.

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

Outing

Thursday 18 September CityCat down the river to Hamilton Reach

In August eight members enjoyed the concert, lunch and tour of St John's Anglican Cathedral



Coffee and Chat

Tuesday 16 September

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.

August General Meeting

Show Time: Like last year, at the August General meeting we celebrated the annual Ekka Show with our own fun event! We all joined in the fun of **SHOW TIME!**

Everyone wore their favourite hat/cap/fascinator. A great variety of headwear was on display.

Show Time included **Aussie bush poet**, Noel Stallard (in his Akubra), displaying his talents and his memory with his rapid-fire renditions. There was a Lucky dip **Showbag door prize**, a couple of **Word Games enabled us to show our knowledge** and an **Aussie Show Time Trivia competition revealed the true Aussies among us**. We even enjoyed the traditional **Show Time strawberries and ice cream** too! Curator and show time ring master Brian Blaney declared it a huge success.

Boss: "Do you believe in life after death?"

Employee: "No. There has never been any proof."

Boss: "Well there is now."

After you left early yesterday to go to your uncle's funeral he came in looking for you."

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

Brisbane City Hall - Tuesdays 12.00noon – 1pm.

Tuesday 2 September – Australian Army Band Brisbane

The Australian Army Band Brisbane presents a concert to mark the beginning of spring. The 10-piece band, featuring a front-line brass section and array of exciting vocalists, will be performing a selection of favourites both old and new.

Formed in 1949, the Australian Army Band Brisbane has provided ceremonial and musical support to the Australian Army and greater Australian Defence Force throughout SE Qld and overseas.

Tuesday 9 September – BRISBANE FESTIVAL: David Bailey Silent Movies

Three classic silent films brought to life with pipe organ accompaniment.

As one of a rare breed of musicians, David Bailey is continuing what was once an everyday part of Australian cinema — theatre organ performance and silent film accompaniment.

For Brisbane Festival this year, Bailey will compose and perform live accompaniments for three short comedy silent films on the Brisbane City Hall Willis organ: Buster Keaton's *The Balloonatic*, Charley Chase's *Mighty Like a Moose*, and Laurel and Hardy's *Big Business*.

Tuesday 16 September – BRISBANE FESTIVAL: The Telephone

Soprano Katie Stenzel and Baritone Jon Maskell present a program featuring great American opera, before the main event: Italian-American composer Gian Carlo Menotti's chamber opera – *The Telephone*.

Tuesday 23 September – BRISBANE FESTIVAL: Invoices

Invoices is Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University's contemporary flagship vocal ensemble — a dynamic group of elite emerging vocalists known for their intricate harmonies, tight arrangements, and stylistic versatility. Guided by esteemed musical director Dave Spicer, Invoices regularly perform alongside Brisbane's finest musicians, delivering compelling sets that traverse jazz, contemporary, soul, and beyond.

Tuesday 30 September – Music Journey through the Decades

Music Journey Through the Decades is a showcase of talent sourced from the Seniors Cabaret theme which invites participants and audiences to celebrate the evolution of music over time. Offering a trip down memory lane through various musical eras be astounded by choirs, dancers and singers as you enjoy a joyful evolution of performance music through time.

The Cunnamulla Feller

Words by Sam Coster

Sung by Slim Dusty

Now I'm a scrubber, runner
And a breaker too
I live on damper and wallaby stew
I've got a big cattle dog
With a staghound cross
I never saw the scrubber
We couldn't toss

Cause I'm the feller from Cunnamulla
Oh I'm the Cunnamulla feller

Now once when I was drovin' on the cattle trails
I met a little girl her name was Ada Vale
I said "Marry me Ada and I'll be the feller
And we'll settle down in Augathella"

Cause I'm the feller from Cunnamulla
Oh I'm the Cunnamulla feller

Oh, she said her daddy's name was Charley Ville
She had a lot of kiddies and a lot of bills
So I grabbed my horse that was nice and handy
and never stopped Till I reached Dirranbandi

I was the dandy at Dirranbandi
Oh, I was the Dirranbandi dandy

Now in my moleskin trousers and my Williams
boots
Aboard an outlaw as he leaves the chutes
In my goose neck spurs
I rake their fiery hide
And the girls all shouting round the ringside

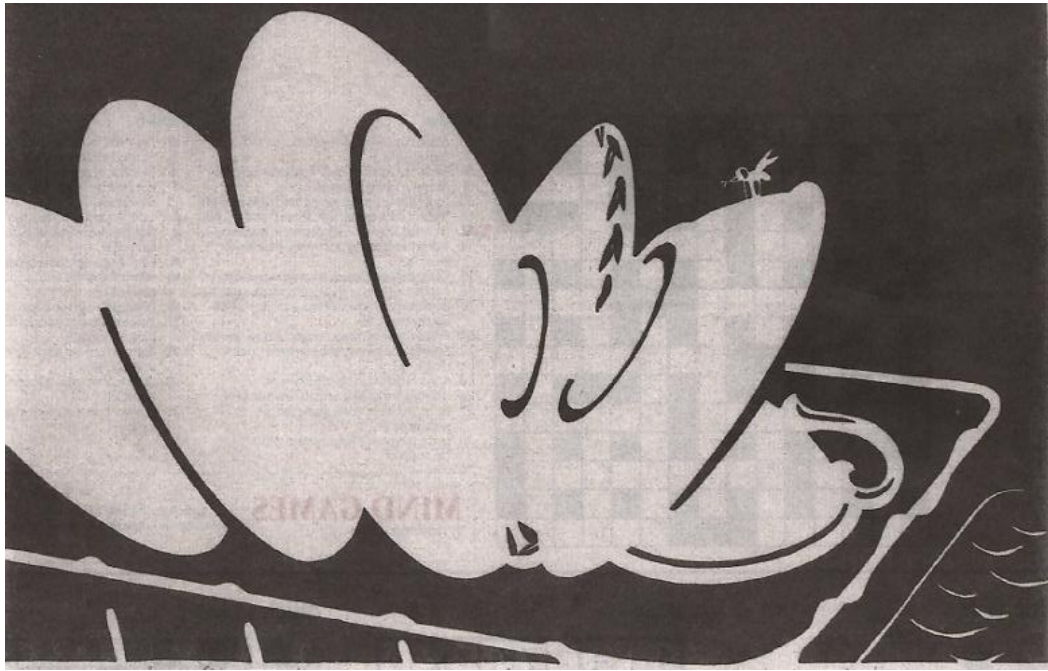
Oh he's the feller from Cunnamulla
Oh he's the Cunnamulla feller

Now I've done a little fightin' in western bars
Done a little lovin' neath the moon and stars
I wear bright clothes and shirts full of colour
And the girls know me as that certain feller

Oh I'm the feller from Cunnamulla
Oh, I'm the Cunnamulla feller
Yes, I'm the Cunnamulla feller
Oh, they call me the Cunnamulla feller



Inspiration can come from unlikely places . . .



. . . even the kitchen sink!

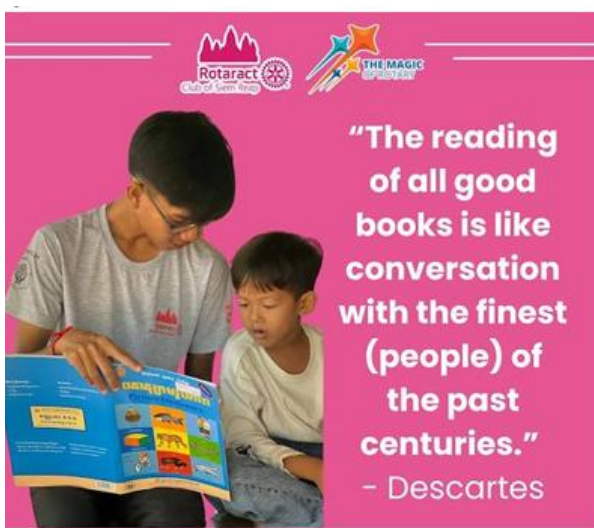
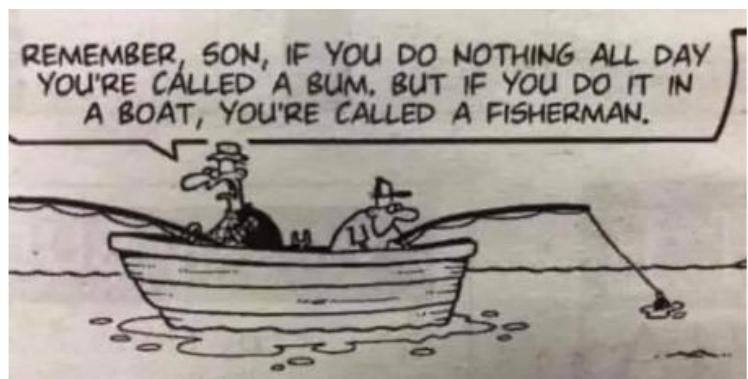
LAUGH TIME about fishing

Why are fish so gullible?

They fall for things hook, line and sinker

What kind of music should you listen to while fishing?

Something catchy.



Only Willie Nelson could look perfectly normal in this situation



If you can't look back at your younger self and realise that you were at times an idiot, you probably still are.

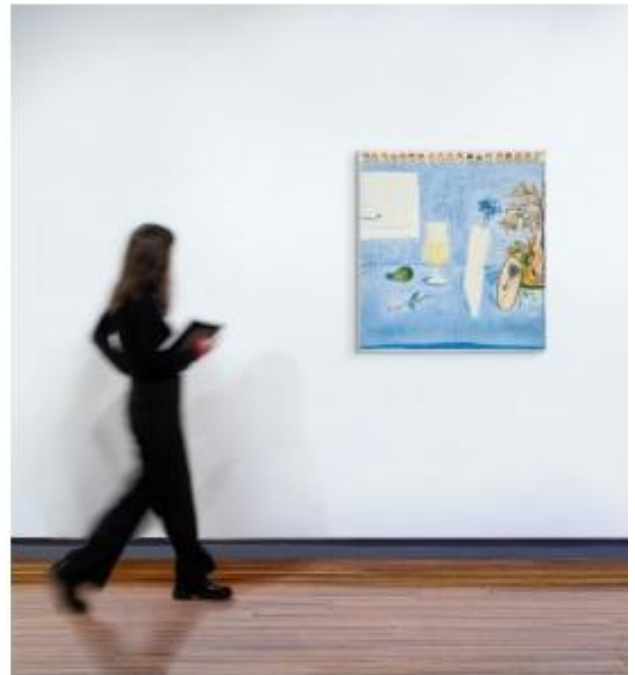
Working in an unemployment office can be a tense situation, knowing that if you get fired you will still have to come in the next day.

Don't give up your painting

Knocking out a rough little job like this would take your mind off the ever-rising cost of living.

"Champagne, 1976" by Brett Whiteley.

Sold at auction in Melbourne on 27 August 2025 for \$552,273 (inc. buyer's premium).



This one would take rather longer.

"The winter tree, Turramurra, 1935" by Grace Crossington Smith

Sold at auction in Sydney in May 2025 for \$675,000 (inc. buyer's premium).

