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Red Hill-Ithaca Probus Club (Inc)

NEWSLETTER 284

October 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 – October General Meeting Jenny and Charles Knoke

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. And think about measles too. Cases have now been reported in Brisbane.

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

Back in the cold old days, in the land where I was born, spring brought out the old doggerel: "Spring is sprung. The grass is rizz. I wonder where the flowers is." We are fortunate to live in this beautiful part of the world where spring is heralded by a vast explosion of flowers and new growth. Enjoy the springtime in Queensland.

In my last note to you, I praised the positive acceptance of the varied format of a recent meeting. Not everyone shared the enthusiasm and a voice or two called for return to the previous format, as we did in September. In October we will have a departure from the usual proceedings as we celebrate a major Probus anniversary and further our campaign to attract new members. It is hoped that the results are great entertainment and fun for all who attend. The usual agenda will not be abandoned, but from time to time there will be variations.

Incidentally, there was nothing but praise for our wonderful guest speaker, Adrian, who was both fascinating and educational. Those who arrange for speakers deserve much praise for their diligence and selection. As always, Jan and her team did an excellent job with tea and refreshments.

Please see if you can identify a potential member or two and bring them along to our meeting. If you arrange to bring someone, let Fran know so that the provisions for seating and tea are properly covered. Again, I remind you to offer your apology if you are not able to attend the meeting.

The slogan, "Be alert, not alarmed." was very much recalled in recent weeks when someone apparently hacked into our Probus addresses and sent out requests for money and actions. Please let Fran Lowing, Lyn Perks, or me know if you have been recipient of any strange or suspicious communications. The newsletter is an exception.


It is also interesting to see special offers for Probus members (for example, special prices on new cars) and know that our email addresses are out there for many to see. Be cautious and let's avoid theft.

Enjoy the halcyon days of spring. Stay safe and secure and come and enjoy our special October meeting day.

Brian Molloy

Coming Events

Tue	7 Oct	Cards Group	12.30pm at Ashgrove Library
Thur	9 Oct	General Meeting	9.30am Red Hill Bowls, Sports and Community Club
Tue	14 Oct	Coffee and Chat	10am Tara Café at The Gap Village
Thur	16 Oct	Outing	From 11am. BBQ in Walton Bridge Park.
Thur	23 Oct	Dine-out	12.30pm The Gap Tavern

	<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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SPECIAL INVITATION

We would love you to join us for a special **PARTY DAY** celebrating International Probud month.

We will enjoy a meeting with a snakey Speaker,
a **HIGH TEA**,
and loads of Fun, Friendship and Fellowship.

Thursday 9 October 2025. 9.30am to midday.

**Red Hill Bowls, Sports and Community Club
22 Fulcher Road, Red Hill.**

RSVP 07.10.2025 Alison Philpott Mob: 0411 536 630 Please leave a message.

Red Hill-Ithaca Probud Club Probud Party.

We are successful recipients of a \$200 grant from the Probud Association of Queensland to promote Probud in our area. We also have a hamper to raffle from Jonti Bush.

Based on research that most members have come to Probud through a friend, neighbour, or someone with whom they have had contact, we are organising a High Tea to be promoted through personal invitations from members. October is International Probud Month, so our October 9th Meeting is appropriate.

The activity is designed to demonstrate a normal meeting, with speaker. Then followed by a Probud celebration High Tea/Probud Party.

Members of Red Hill-Ithaca Probud club are very welcoming and comfortable with visitors, so it is anticipated that the main task will be to encourage potential members to come along.

Date: The normal meeting day and time. 9.30-12.00 on Thursday 9th October 2025. at our usual location in Red Hill. This will familiarize visitors with our location and time.

Members will be asked to invite a friend/neighbour/family member to the meeting followed by a special speaker from RACQ Driver Education program, then High Tea with puzzles, quiz, raffle, and fun.

Celebration at the Broncos Club

The regular free Seniors' meeting on the 4th Thursday each month will extend to also celebrating Global Probud month on 23 October from 10.30am to 3pm. See their web site for bookings.



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

OCTOBER

Geoff Crane Judith Hampton Lyn Perks
Carol Tregenza Barbara Reading

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.

Contrails

Who noticed the contrails across the sky over Brisbane on Thursday 26 September and Friday 27 September?

Contrails are fairly rare in Brisbane. Much more common in higher latitudes. If you live in London then on almost any cloud-free day the sky is criss-crossed with them. At a convenient time at a meeting in the future I will give a short member's interest talk about contrails.

Geoff Crane



Guest Speakers

September – “Living with wildlife – the good, the bad and the ugly.” Wildlife expert **Adrian Caneris** enthralled us with his highly entertaining talk about all those things we might see in our yards and all those things of which we are mostly unaware that inhabit our ceilings.

October – a special speaker from RACQ Driver Education program.

November – **Denis Wayper** returns for another of his musical presentations: **The Three Tenors**

Dine-Out

Thursday 23 October. 12.30pm. The Gap Tavern. Sign the Dine-out book at the general meeting. NB let Caroline Graham know if you are coming. 0411 459 687

carolineanngraham@gmail.com

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.



Gift Card Scam

The recent Gift Card scam that ran through several of our members appears to have run its course. Quite a few members received scam messages but, as far as I am aware, fortunately no one got caught by them.

Just replying to an email from a scammer is not dangerous of itself, but it does lead you further into their web of persuasion to potentially be caught in the subsequent exchange. What you must not do is click on any link in their message. That would give them access to your computer.

The range of different cards being requested was interesting – Apple Gift Cards. Dundle Gift Cards, and some not even available in Australia: ZELLE cards. Ventra cards.

ZELLE cards are used for transferring funds internationally with no transfer limit. They have to be linked to an account with a US bank. Ventra cards are equivalent to our GoCards and are for travel on the Chicago Transit Authority network. They are available from any CTA railway station. Very strange why anybody in Australia would be asked to get either of these cards.

Another unusual aspect of this scam was the range of different email accounts that the scam messages came from. The majority came from a gmail.com account which could be anywhere in the world. One came from an account in Pakistan which is hard to explain. One came from Sweden, and another came from an email server company which I was able to track down as also being in Sweden.

Those messages from which I could get the time zone that they came from all came from a country on GMT+1. That is the time zone of Nigeria – always the first suspect in computer scams. But at this time of the year Sweden is also on GMT+1. And since at least two of the scam messages could be traced back to Sweden and all the gmail.com scams could have come from there I would have to say that Sweden seems to have been the most likely source.

I have gone about as far as I can go in investigating this scam episode on the information I have received although there are a few aspects unresolved. If any of you received a scam message that I don't know about I would appreciate you telling me about it. In particular, I would like to see the actual message from the scammers. As with replying, forwarding a message from a scammer is not dangerous. And if you are aware of any of your friends who are not in RH-I Probus who have recently received a gift card scam message that would be particularly interesting. Any additional information about scam messages may shine some more light on way the scammers gained access to details of our club members.

Geoff Crane 0419 786 965 gdcrane3@bigpond.com

Cards Group



Next meeting 12.30 to 4.30pm Tuesday 7 October 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 16 October BBQ in Walton Bridge Park. Come along from 11am. \$10pp

Bring your own drinks. And your own chairs if you wish.

Coffee and Chat

Tuesday 14 October

Tara Café at The Gap Village

Let Di Perry know if you are going.

0410 531 744 dl.perry71@gmail.com



Membership

Currently 53. There are a couple of prospective new members. New members always welcome. Remember to tell your friends about Probus and its themes of Friendship, Fellowship and Fun.

An Irishman in Court

An Irish farmer named Paddy had an accident. He and his cow were hit by a truck owned by the Eversweet Company. He sued for damages and grievous injuries. In court, the Eversweet Company's hot-shot lawyer was questioning Paddy: 'Didn't you say to the police at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine?' asked the company's lawyer. Paddy responded: 'Well, I'll tell you what happened. I'd just loaded my fav'rit cow, Bessie, into da...'

'I didn't ask for any details', the lawyer interrupted 'Just answer the question. Did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine!'?'

Paddy said, 'Well, I'd just got Bessie into da trailer and I was drivin' down da road....'

The lawyer interrupted again and said, 'Your Honor, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the police on the scene that he was fine. Now several weeks after the accident, he is in court suing my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question.'

By this time, the Judge was fairly interested in Paddy's answer and said to the lawyer: 'I'd like to hear what he has to say about his favourite cow, Bessie. He may continue.'

Paddy thanked the Judge and proceeded. 'Well as I was saying, I had just loaded Bessie, my fav'rit cow, into de trailer and was drivin' her down de road when this huge Eversweet truck and trailer came tundering tru a stop sign and hit me trailer right in da side. It were a terrible crash! I was trown into one ditch and Bessie was trown into da udder ditch. By jake, I was hurt, very bad like, and didn't want to move at all. And I could hear poor old Bessie moanin' and groanin'. I knew she was in terrible pain just by her groans. Shortly after da accident, a policeman on a motorcycle turned up. He could hear Bessie moanin' and groanin' too, so he went over to her. After he looked at her, and saw her condition, he took out his gun and shot her between the eyes. Kilt her dead! Den da policeman came across de road, gun still in hand, looked at me, and said, 'How are you feelin'?' 'Now wot da hell would you say?'

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 3 October – Lord Mayor's Seniors Cabaret Showcase – 'Dream, Believe, Achieve'

Special guest Gregory Moore, along with community choirs and dancers will entertain you with a fabulous celebration of the performing Arts. Come and be part of the fun as the audience joins in song with some iconic popular songs that will have you singing for the rest of the day.

Tuesday 10 October – Journey through Ellington & Strayhorn

Be transformed into the world of the most prolific composer of the 20th century in an hour-long journey through the world of Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn. Dominic Brennan and his trio will guide you through a range of Ellington's classics, with a fresh new take that draws inspiration from the Duke's pioneering ability, whilst staying true to the character of his music.

Tuesday 17 October – Percussimo Strikes Again

A spectacular and captivating extravaganza showcasing the depth and multiple dimensions of the percussive arts. Featuring an expansive collection of repertoire from Classical to contemporary pop songs all creatively re-imagined for percussion ensemble and strikes the perfect balance between exhilarating energy and musical sensitivity

Tuesday 24 October – A Tribute to Bubl , Broadway and Beyond

International vocalist, award-winning director, and theatre performer Thomas Armstrong-Robley proudly presents Bubl , Broadway & Beyond, a unique musical celebration highlighting some of the 'Canadian King of Swings' greatest covers, as well as iconic show tunes and more. Accompanied by acclaimed accompanist and musical director Matt Rofe, Armstrong-Robley lovingly recreates hits from Elvis, The Bee Gees, The Beach Boys, and Billy Joel.

Tuesday 31 October – Australian Army Band-Brisbane

The Australian Army Band is a hard swinging, exciting ensemble consisting of the traditional line up from the glorious swing era of saxophones, trumpets, trombones and rhythm, complemented with male and female vocals. Their repertoire ranges from traditional Big Band sounds through to funky arrangements of rock hits and Australian music.

Brisbane's Army Band supports the Australian Army and Australian Defence Force units in South East Queensland. Band members have been deployed on domestic and international operations, as well as regularly performing in commemorative activities such as Anzac Day. Enjoying high acclaim wherever they perform, the Australian Army Band Brisbane is a great asset for the state of Queensland and for the Australian Army.

MORE TO SEE AND DO after attending any lunchtime concert in October you can tour the iconic Father Henry Willis and Sons Organ, guided by organist Andrej Kouznetsov. More information and to book go to the Museum of Brisbane web site.





Springtime – tulip time

Tulips from Amsterdam. Sung by Max Bygraves

When it's spring again, I'll bring again
Tulips from Amsterdam
With a heart that's true, I'll give to you
Tulips from Amsterdam
I can't wait until the day you fill these eager
arms of mine
Like the windmill keeps on turning
That's how my heart keeps on yearning
For the day I know we can share these
tulips from Amsterdam
La-la-la, la-la, la-la, la-la, la-la-la-la, la-la
La-la-la, la-la, la-la, la-la, la-la-la-la, la-la



Laurel Bank, Toowoomba

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Tulips from Amsterdam
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For the day I know we can share these tulips
from Amsterdam
Share these tulips from Amsterdam

Songwriters: Ralf Arnie, Ernst Bader, Marcel
Stellman, Klaus Guenter Neumann.



Table Cape, Tasmania

Language

Don't use a big word when a singularly unloquacious and diminutive linguistic expression will satisfactorily accomplish the contemporary necessity.

The Good Old Days

What did our parents do to pass the time before the internet?
I asked my twelve brother and sisters and they didn't know either.