



TOOWOOMBA RANGE PROBUS



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Rump steak/fish and chips . . . and TRIVIA!

At Rink 46 (formerly Drayton Bowls Club)

Noon for 12.30pm lunch - Tuesday 9 September 2025

Cost: \$30 per person.

Payment by EFT in advance preferred

Lunch is an alternate drop of rump steak and fish and chips.

Dessert: alternate drop of sticky date pudding and apple crumble.

Tea and coffee and drinks available from the bar.



Bring your thinking caps - Floyd has a Trivia Quiz ready!

Floyd and Paul called for starters at the August General Meeting. The roll call is at right. Any changes will be accepted up to noon on Friday 5 September. Ring Floyd at 0418 110 344 or Paul at 0422 820 825

Next month's outing will be on 14 October at noon for 12.30 lunch at the renowned Rudd's Pub, Nobby



It's a self-drive event. Drivers who can take passengers are asked to register with Paul Barrett (phone 0422 820 825) or email vpbarrett262@gmail.com.

Those requiring transport are similarly asked to register with Paul.

Menu details will be provided in the next newsletter (24 September). Paul and Floyd will call for starters at the General meeting on 30 September. The cost will be \$38.50 per person

Names	Attending
Barrett (Paul & Carmel)	2
Bence (Tom & Loretto)	2
Brampton (Noel)	1
Butt (Mike)	1
Catto (Rob & Peta)	2
Dodman (Bob & Jan) (GF)	2
Fuhlbohm (Ray & Helen)	2
Guerin (Derm & Lyn)	2
Hinchliffe (Bruce and Sue)	2
Hopkins (Mike & Fleur)	2
Kong (Melvyn & Karen)	2
McCasker (Ross & Beverly)	2
Mullen (Tony & Hilary)	2
Peirce (Bob & Elanne)	2
Petriwskyj (Jurij & Anne)	2
Smith (Geoff & Florence)	1
Stephenson (Ken & Claudia)	2
Stevens (Don & Barb) (DF)	2
Sullivan (Tim & Trish)	2
Thompson (Elton & Shirley)	2
Turner (Bob & Meaden)	2
Watson (Don & Doris)	2
White (John & Margaret)	2
Wilshire (Max)	1
Wilson (Floyd & Majella)	2
Wockner (Col & Gail) (GF)	2
Ladies:	
Manning (Jean)	1
Potts (Jeanette)	1
Attending:	50

We wait in ANTicipation!

It's apparently difficult to tie down a speaker from the National Fire Ant Eradication Program to talk to our Club. Guest Speaker officer Rob Catto is valiantly trying to get someone to address our next morning tea meeting on this important subject – an environmental problem that poses a huge threat to this State and nation.

As soon as we get news of our guest speaker for 30 September, we'll let you know.

BEES: *Where would we bee without them?*



Fascinating talk by ex-teacher beekeeper Reg Moor

Retired teacher Reg Moor, now an acknowledged authority on bees and beekeeping, presented a fascinating talk on his hobby at the August 26 meeting of Range Probus. His wide-ranging talk moved from the introduction of European bees to Australia in 1823, to the various threats to the beekeeping industry (particularly from mites), through to the operation of hives and the roles played by the inhabitants.

Bee authority Reg Moor shows President John one of the tests for assessing good honey: Invert the bottle and see how quickly the bubble rises to the top. The slower the better. This bottle of honey came from Reg's Felton apiary and sells for \$5.50. A similar-sized bottle containing a premium European honey sells at Harrods, London, for 1250 pounds!

And for good measure Reg threw in some advice: If you get stung by a bee, scrape out the sting with your fingernail. Don't pull it out with fingers or tweezers, as this will release more venom.



Welcome Derm Guerin!

Derm Guerin was inducted into Range Probus Club at the August General Meeting. That's President John Randall in the pic welcoming Derm. At the back is proposer Bob Kretchmann. Derm has been a prominent member of Apex and Rotary service clubs in Toowoomba for some decades. He has been manager of Comtel, Toowoomba, for many years, and lists his interests as motor sport, farming, and travel. He was accompanied by partner Lyn Anderson. ***We wish Derm and Lyn "Happy Probus-ing"!***



Don Watson's Last Word

It is hard to explain puns to kleptomaniacs, because they take things literally.



Special addition to the Range Probus Newsletter

PRESIDENT JOHN DOES THE TREK IN STYLE

Finishes second in field of 75 walkers

Toowoomba Range Probus Club President John Randall finished a very creditable second in a field of 75 trekkers on a charity walk last weekend (August 30-31).

He took on the Trek the Trail, a two-day 75km hike to raise vital funds for the Toowoomba Hospital and support life-changing cancer-care in our region.

He takes up the story of the reason for the Trek:

Every step I take helps fund exercise physiology services at the Regional Cancer Centre, giving patients the support they need to stay strong through treatment and recovery. Cancer changes lives, but so does community – and together, we can make a real difference.

As some of you know, I have had a few encounters with cancer in recent years. During my various encounters, I came to realise the utmost importance of professional support both during and after treatments. It really made a big difference to me, both physically and psychologically. When built, the Toowoomba Regional Cancer Centre will be able to provide that important service here in our region.

John was by far the oldest on the trek which took him 14 hours to complete. He and wife Karen took off for a few days' R & R in Hobart immediately afterwards.



John was paired with young Denise Whitelaw for the start of the 75-km trek.



Fourteen walking-hours later John powered across the finish line at Toogoolawah.