



TOOWOOMBA RANGE PROBUS

Newsletter

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<https://www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/toowoombarang>

A 10-minuter by Horst

Horst Brosi presented a most interesting 10-minute talk



on - among other things - his early days as an apprentice toolmaker at Toowoomba Foundry.

Next Outing: Rudd's Pub, Nobby, Tuesday, 14 October – arrive around Noon in your best Spring outfit (See below)

This is a self-drive event – car pooling arrangements are left to individuals.

**Lunch (alternate drop)
served at 12.30.**

**Cost: \$38 p.p.
(Preferred payment by EFT,
in advance)**

**DEADLINE for changes to the
list at right: midday Friday.
Ring or text Floyd on 0418 110
344.**

The Club's committee has reiterated its policy of "no refunds for 'no shows'", pointing out that outings are funded on a "break-even" basis and the Club has to pay for any defaulting listed attendees



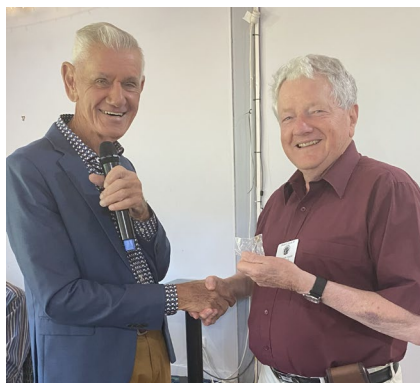
Fashion at the Pub Comp

Let's welcome Spring!

Dress up in your best "Springy-fied" outfit or accessory, and win a fabulous Newsletter prize!
This is a competition for ALL - male or female.



Names	Attending
Barrett (Paul & Carmel)	2
Bence (Tom & Loretto)	1
Brampton (Noel)	1
Brien (John & Janette)	2
Butt (Mike)	1
Catto (Rob & Peta)	2
Clift (John & Glenys)	1
Cory (Peter & Jill)	2
Dodman (Bob & Jan) (GF)	2
Free (David & Lyn)	2
Fuhlbohm (Ray & Helen)	2
Gothie (George & Lilo)	2
Guerin (Derm & Lyn)	2
Hinchliffe (Bruce and Sue)	1
Kong (Melvyn & Karen)	2
McCasker (Ross & Beverly)	2
Mullen (Tony & Hilary)	2
Radunz (Noel & Gloria)	2
Smith (Geoff & Florence)	1
Stephenson (Ken & Claudia)	2
Stevens (Don & Barb) (DF)	2
Sullivan (Tim & Trish)	2
Thompson (Elton & Shirley)	2
Watson (Don & Doris)	2
Wilson (Floyd & Majella)	2
Ladies:	
Ball (Lesleigh)	1
Manning (Jean) (GF)	1
Attending:	46



Probuss Pin for Peter

Twenty years of membership of Toowoomba Range Probuss Club were recognised with the presentation of a 20-year Probuss pin to Peter Fleming at the September General Meeting. Making the presentation is president John Randall.

Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia

is the fear of long words!

--Contributed by Don Watson

FIRE ANTS

Thanks to Tony Mullen for the report and Floyd Wilson for the photograph

Be vigilant . . . These *tiny* ants are causing *big* problems!



Ty, an engagement officer with the FAEP) and Rachel his assistant gave a comprehensive and interesting talk on the Fire Ant problem.

The first known infestation was in 2001 at the Port of Brisbane. Authorities believe it arrived in a container shipment from South America. The ant is native to Brazil/Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay. The climate is similar there to SE Qld and the ants thrive here.

There are no predators in Australia.

The ants are small and vary in size from 2mm to 6 mm. They are copper brown in colour and are very aggressive. They like open sunny spaces to nest but also inhabit machinery and are found under rocks and timber. They need a water source and can survive bush fires by tunnelling deep into the ground. The worker ants only live for about 6 months but the Queen ants live for years.

If the risk is not contained and spreads nationally over 800000 people will require medical treatment for bites annually. The bites are very painful and can cause severe allergic reactions. In addition the adverse effect on outdoor living lifestyles will be catastrophic as well as significant reductions in wild life numbers. Pets pose a big risk and farm crops could be devastated. Without containment the cost to the Australian economy is estimated to be \$1.25 billion pa in 15 years and \$2billion within 40 years. The FAEP is aiming to successfully eradicate the problem nationally by 2037.



Ty and Rachel presented an interesting talk on the massive fireant problem.

The FAEP currently employs about 700 people carrying out surveillance, eradication, and border control. Sophisticated equipment including drones, helicopters and fixed wing aircraft are used in the project. The chemicals used to destroy nests are not harmful to humans.

Queensland is the only State with a dedicated fire ant eradication organisation.

Ty finished by asking everyone to help by being vigilant. Toowoomba is currently fire ant free but any suspicious ant activity should be reported immediately on phone 132268 or the website

www.fireants.org.au

Don Watson's Last Word

They reckon that swimming with dolphins is expensive.
But swimming with sharks could cost you an arm and a leg!

