



# PORT DOUGLAS & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

## July 2025 Newsletter

Port Douglas & District Probus Club was formed after an expression of interest meeting held at the Port Douglas Neighbourhood Centre on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024

### President's Message:

Dear Probus Members,  
We have clocked over the year's halfway mark which in my opinion is fair-dinkum freaky! Please read this exciting newsletter edition showcasing past events and keeping you up to speed on what's on next.

### Big thanks to Chris Hameister who is the first cab off the rank in our new "Spotlight On" section.

Just a reminder to please send in your intro too, plus a photo if Dusty hasn't taken one of you already. Thanks to the few that have done so already!

As a reminder and for those unable to attend the last meeting, **we have included a summary and some photos of the Electric Ant presentation by Sharyn Anisett.** I have had my yard check already and happy to report that no electric ants were found! It's up to us all to be vigilant to keep on top of this issue.

Barefoot Bowls and dinner at Club Mossman once again proved popular and a lot of fun was had by all- check out the photos in this edition!

Our **inaugural Probus and U3A Sunset "A Touch of Gold" event at St. Crispin's is going ahead and is fast approaching on Wednesday Aug 6th at 3-6.30pm.** There is still some availability so if you haven't booked yet but would like to come, please contact Toni or Lorraine. A great afternoon is in store, and it really will be an event not to be missed! Some optional fun games are planned to get to know each other and you may learn a few things - sunset and gold.

We are heading to **The Clink again to see the Creative Souls Choir in their Ladies and Gent's performance on Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3pm.** Please make your own booking using the code **PROBUS25 for a 10% discount** off the adult price. We are also heading out to **lunch at The Tin Shed before the matinee at 1.00pm.** Come to one or the other, or both. **Please RSVP** to Toni or Lorraine for both lunch and show to assist with our booking RSVP numbers.

Stay safe and stay connected!

Best wishes,  
Susan Stafford

**Foundation President**

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## SPOTLIGHT ON.....



### Chris Hameister

Hi, I'm Chris. I grew up in country SA, was tertiary educated in Adelaide & Sydney, with a 23-year overseas career, living in the USA, UK, Denmark and Hong Kong. I had many roles in analytical instrumentation companies ranging from product manager, US sales, global sales and marketing through to Vice President of Operations for Europe, Middle East & Asia.

After a 2-year 4WD outback adventure to discover Australia, I chose Wonga Beach to retire and continue to travel.

Our local community contribution has been 14 years of volunteering and board membership with Mossman Support Services on Mill Street.

This low profile, but very worthy 30-year-old, multifaceted organization, provides emergency relief, community, youth, intensive family & counselling support & services, Men's & She Sheds and extensive NDIS disability support. Check it out below!

Click on [www.mossmansupportservices.org.au](http://www.mossmansupportservices.org.au)



**We're all part of the Probus Community  
Now let's get started having fun  
with some exciting activities.**

Our guest speaker for July is:

**Cr Damien Meadows.** Damian is one of our new councillors here in the Douglas Shire. Damian is very well known as he spent years in Port Douglas as the local policeman. Damian is going to speak about 'Policing in a small rural northern town'!

### Proposed Social Events

Below is a list of proposed social events for the next few months. Feedback would be appreciated on these and any other suggestions for future events.

**July 11th** – We held Barefoot Bowls and dinner at Club Mossman

**August 2nd**– Lunch at the Tin Shed at 1.00pm followed by a 3pm matinee performance by Creative Souls Choir - Ladies and Gents Concert at The Clink Theatre, Port Douglas

**August 6th**– Sunset drinks, nibbles and games at St. Crispin's, Port Douglas from 3.00 to 6.30pm -an inaugural collaborative event with U3A

**September** – Petanque and Nibbles in the Park – details to be advised

**October** – a possible Mt Carbine tour with lunch at Mt Molloy – to be confirmed

**November** –Ambrose Golf Day at Mossman Golf Course – to be confirmed

**December** – Christmas at Harrisons – to be confirmed

**Why not stay at our venue  
after the meeting to get  
to know each other better?**



**Next meeting dates/times:  
28/07/2025 - 9:30am**



View Photos on Website [https://www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/portdouglas/About\\_Us](https://www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/portdouglas/About_Us)

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## BAREFOOT BOWLS - MOSSMAN

### PHOTO PAGES

On Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of July, back by popular demand, our Probus group once again travelled to Mossman for another afternoon of Barefoot Bowls, followed by dinner at Club Mossman. One of our members, Debbie Howman, had an excellent night, winning the raffle for the meat tray.



“Look at that shot – perfect I tell you”



This game needs extreme concentration



Inger sends one down



Now that's a great shot



Go Toni!



Debbie shows how it's done

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## PHOTO PAGES



Taking a break – this sport is exhausting



Toni says hers is bigger than Daves



We're all set to play



But Chris shows how it's actually done



Susan shows how to do it – barefooted



"I don't care" Debbie says, "I won the meat tray"

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### Membership fees

The Probus financial year is 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March. The annual fee of \$50.00 became due on 1<sup>st</sup> April. Fees can be paid by bank transfer to:

**Bendigo Bank**

**BSB: 633 000**

**Account: 223 888 819**

**Please also include your full name in the reference box when transferring so we can track who has paid!**

**PLEASE NOTE: The bank account number has changed.**

## National Electric Ant Eradication Program

More than 40% of electric ant infestations are detected from conducting free yard / property checks. Self-checking is not thorough.

Due to their size, just 1-1.5mm electric ants are very difficult to spot, and they can only be accurately identified under a microscope.

National Electric Ant Eradication field officers are trained to lure, detect and collect suspect electric ants which are taken to our Diagnostics Laboratory for identification.

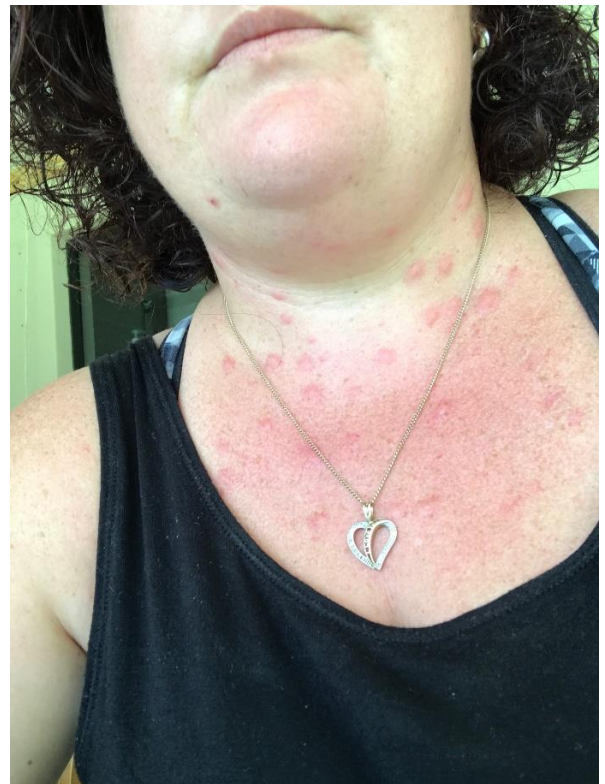
Yard checks that find no electric ants are just as important for proof of absence.

Yard checks should be done at least every 12 months. They take just one hour, and you don't need to be home.

The teams just need to access your garden areas.

Please scan the QR code to book your free yard check or email [electricantinfo@dpi.qld.gov.au](mailto:electricantinfo@dpi.qld.gov.au)

For more information visit [www.dpi.qld.gov.au/anthunt](http://www.dpi.qld.gov.au/anthunt)



Please scan the above barcode to book your **FREE** yard check. Above is the result of an attack from Electric Ants!

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## GUEST SPEAKER

### Sharyn Anisset – Guest Speaker at our June Meeting

Sharyn spoke on the subject of electric ants. Sharyn works for the government agency responsible for controlling the spread of the ants and hopefully one day the eradication of these extremely dangerous pests. These ants are found in many parts of the tropics around the world but are not natural to Australia. It is believed, from DNA testing, that the ants that are making their homes in Northern Australia, came here from Vanuata, probably in or on something that was imported here.

Electric ants can only move about 50 metres in a year, by themselves. So, most of their larger journeys are through human movement. For example, in pot plants, in illegal dumping or green waste not disposed of correctly.

It is highly recommended that everyone takes advantage of the free service offered and have their yards checked every twelve months. After all, we are electric ant central in Port Douglas, Mossman and Daintree areas



Susan and Julie start the meeting



Sharyn showing the ants



Electric Ants



The audience learning about these creatures

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