

Miami Combined Probus Club Inc.

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OCTOBER = PROBUS MONTH The Theme is: "REINVENTING RETIREMENT"

Welcome to Probus Month. The word Probus means "Honest" or "Virtuous" it is derived from Latin. Also, the word Probus is derived from PROfessional, BUSiness. Probus Month grew out of the inaugural Probus Day, first observed on the 1st October 2020, which aligns with the United Nations Day of Older Persons. Gold Coast & Northern Rivers Probus Association (GCNR) have organised some fun activities at Paradise Country Parklands, Nerang. It's a fabulous venue with so much to see and do there. But when the Probus gang gets together to organise fun activities, I can assure you it will be a real HOOT of a day. I encourage you to come along and support our club, in supporting GCNR. When I became your President, I was fortunate enough to be lent "The Probus Story" by Paul Henningway (Thank you Yvonne). Some facts I enjoyed reading:- Australia's first Probus Club was formed in Hunter Hill, Sydney in 1976. However, Probus began in Surry, England and spread throughout Europe before it landed on the shores of New Zealand at Kapiti Coast in 1974. Probus is a community project of Rotary. Inter-Club Fellowship gatherings like golfing days, bus trips, and fashion parades etc are promoted. Interest Groups like music, investment, cards, gardening, toy making, chess etc are also popular. All Probus clubs endeavour to "inform, educate and entertain the vast fellowship of which we are all members."

Enjoy Probus Month,

June

Theatre Group

The final outings for the PROBUS THEATRE GROUP for 2025 are the Gold Coast Little Theatre's production of OKLAHOMA at 7.30 on Friday, 21st November; and Spotlight Theatre's Abigail's Party at 2pm on Sunday, 23rd November.

Thank you to all those members who have supported the Theatre Group in 2025. May 2026 bring lots of interesting, informative and enjoyable presentations for us to attend.

Barrie Middleton, Theatre Coordinator, Miami Combined Probus

Optional Lunch after the meeting.

Optional lunch (at own expense) is to be at Burleigh Heads Bowls Club. Tables have been booked.

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Happy Birthday

August

Happy Milestone Birthday to –

Marilyn Culell (29th);

Happy Birthday to –

Clare Badger (5th); Lyn Melsom (13th);

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as at 29th September 2025

Opening Balance (25/08/2025)	5,759.83
Add Income	1,473.56
Less Payments	2,172.00
Gross Bank Statement	5,061.39
Less Committed Expenses	474.90
Add Petty Cash	250.00
<u>Net Total funds at (29/09/2025)</u>	<u>\$4,836.49</u>

GUEST SPEAKERS 2025:

October – Tracey Chase from Crime Stoppers, will speak to us in regards to personal safety, scams etc.

November – No speaker for this month.

September Event Report–

Astra Lumina by Marilyn Culell

24 Probationaries set out on a 1.8 km walk thru ASTRA LUMINA at the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. Not quite sure what I expected, but certainly nothing like the amazing exquisitely lit walk that it was. It was a magical fairyland with spacious gardens full of multi coloured light. The JUST lit paths wound in and around the Park and everywhere you turned was another wondrous sight. The music that accompanied us was perfect and quite thrilling and the huge trees were also beautifully lit and occasionally gave way to open sky where you could enjoy nature's lighting. Big thanks to Lesley L for arranging such a wonderful experience for us all.

Joke for the Month

What do you call an angry carrot?

A steamed veggie!

What do clouds wear under their shorts?

Thunder Pants!

A piece of string walks into a bar, bartender says "We don't serve string here." The string leaves, ties himself into a knot, messes up his hair and returns to the bar. Bartender squints and says "Weren't you just in here?"

No, I'm a frayed knot!

Gold Coast & Northern Rivers Future Activities:

Preliminary Program for 2025 include, Mystery Tour, Mt Warning, Uki, Boonah area {Naughty little kids (goat farm)} as well as dinners and lunches.

Brodie



Hope I don't miss anything,
I'd better hurry and book!



What's On



What's on in 2025

Event for October: Tuesday 2nd October.

HOP (Hop on Hop Off) Ferry ride.

All meet at the ferry terminal, on the Nerang River, Surfers Paradise, for the 10.15 ferry departure. Hop off at Hota for 1 hr for coffee and cake or just a walk around the area. Hop back on the ferry at 11.23am and hop off at Marina Mirage at 11.50 am for lunch at your place of choice. After lunch return to Surfers Paradise for your trip home.

Bookings are necessary & are to be made with Lesley Layton 0417 728 454 or

lesleyblayton@gmail.com

Event for November: Tuesday 4th November, Melbourne Cup Luncheon.

After our meeting all make your way to Burleigh Sports Club, Christine Avenue, 11.30am to start your "Day of the Hop a Nation"

Cost is \$89.90pp for food & drinks till Noon and then include a meal with drinks at your own expense.

Bookings to be made with Lesley Layton 0417 728 454 or lesleyblayton@gmail.com or

Carol J. 0417 424 745 or

brodieacarol@gmail.com

Event for December: Tuesday 9th December

Christmas in the Park will be at the John Handley Community Complex Park in Christine Avenue. 4.30pm start with your own drinks & nibbles. Dinner will be served at approx. 5.30pm.

Menu & Costs TBA

Bookings to be made with Lesley Layton

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Payment to be made using the code word "Christmas" in your internet payment. No refunds after 3rd December.

Remember –

- The first Tuesday of the month is normally set aside for the Monthly Members Meeting held at the Burleigh Heads Surf Club starting at 10.00am – please arrive before 9:50am.
- The third Tuesday of the month is normally set aside for most functions and events.
- The Last Tuesday of the month is normally set aside for the Themed Dinner Nights or Themed Lunches.
- Don't forget to wear your name badge to meetings and outings.
- Please Note: It would be appreciated if you could pay the \$8 per person meeting fee by direct debit a few days prior to the meeting, if possible. Cash on the day is still an acceptable method of payment.

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