



# TENERIFFE PROBUS

## *newsletter*



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### Contact Updates

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### Bank Account

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### Our Website

(still a work in progress)

[www.teneriffeprobus.com](http://www.teneriffeprobus.com)

### Annual Membership Fees

**WERE DUE APRIL 1ST**  
**\$100 per person**  
**EFT PAYMENT TO**  
**Teneriffe Probus**  
**ASAP**

**WE DO NOT ACCEPT CASH OR**  
**CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS AT**  
**MEETINGS**

### Positions Vacant

Activities Organizer  
Publicity Officer  
Assistant Newsletter Editor  
Assistant Secretary

### MAY Meeting

Thursday 15th  
9.45 for 10am  
Speaker Rachel Giles  
Mercy Ships

### President's Report MAY 2025

Since our last meeting Easter, Anzac Day, Labour Day and a Federal election have been experienced (or endured). I do hope they offered some enjoyable opportunities and fond memories for you all. Regardless of one's political alliance, I believe the comments made by the Prime Minister in his acceptance speech regarding 'Kindness and Respect' align well with Probus values for fostering a successful friendship community.

Going by the toe tapping during Ian Bennett and Ivan Collins entertaining musical stories, I think I can safely say we all enjoyed the touch of country that their musical talents brought to our last meeting. We also hope that the use of the microphone last meeting helped with the problem of hearing more clearly what was being said and we thank the members for bringing the problem to the attention of the committee. There will undoubtedly be teething problems along the way but as a young club it is only through all members shared efforts that we will grow to be a strong supportive group enjoying the fun and fellowship of getting together with both new and old friends and living those retirement years to the fullest.

Lunch at Bisou Bisou was a fun get together and another opportunity to get to know members a little better. The venue and the service was first class and the meals tasty and very good value for money and given the high attendance, this looks like an event worth doing throughout the year. If you have a favourite dining experience and would like to share it with your fellow members please let someone on the committee know. Food as we all know is a great way to build friendships.

I hope everyone who attended the theatre night enjoyed the play 'The Dictionary of Lost Words' at QPAC Playhouse. Last Sunday my family and I were thoroughly entertained by the story, the performances of the actors and amazing staging of the production. The human experiences and the important events taking place at that time in history were cleverly woven into the story of the first Oxford English Dictionary.

One of the challenges of a young club is learning what activities members would like to enjoy, whilst also gaining enough people to organise them. We look forward to members sharing their thoughts in this regard so Probus Tenerife can grow and strengthen in a way that delivers what we all hope to gain from joining.

*Jenny*

Jennifer Cobbin  
Assistant President

## ***URGENT CALL OUT FOR AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY***

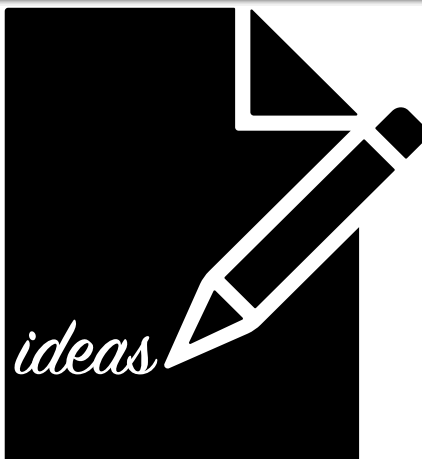
Frank our secretary will soon be away overseas for an extended period.

We are in urgent need of an assistant to cover his absence.

The role includes minute taking publishing and distribution and setting meeting agendas.

We are introducing a suggestion box to encourage members to think about Probus, and communicate with us what they want from their membership.

What activities, speakers, opportunities and improvements can you suggest to help guide the committee as we jointly build Probus Teneriffe into a desirable club.



## **BRISBANE CITY BOTANICAL GARDENS**

**WALK WITH A KNOWLEDGABLE GUIDE**

**June 4th 10am**

**More details to follow**

**Free tour followed by early lunch at the cafe.**

**Use public transport to get there**

**10 people to each guide.**

**Fill in the expression of interest form at the May meeting**







## MONDAY MOVIES

1ST & 3RD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

to receive bi-weekly Thursday notifications register your interest with Kevin

local cinemas, senior discounts, movie suggestions welcome

buy your tickets online or at the cinema box office

may include pre &/or post coffee or lunch

REGISTER WITH THE PROBUS REP ON ARRIVAL

In April /May we have seen the "The Penguin Lessons" and "The Correspondent"

## May Lunch at Bisou Bisou

Our lunch at Bisou Bisou was a terrific success. Delicious food and good company. Nineteen of us were made very welcome at Hotel X. Great job, Tom (our waiter)!



## book group.....

**meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month  
at the Brunswick Hotel, New Farm**

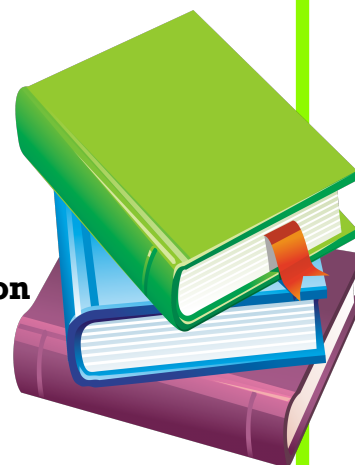
**1.30pm for lunch**

**2.30pm for book chat**

**Come and join the not too serious book discussion**

**May: Harp in the South by Ruth Park**

**June: Eucalyptus by Murray Bail**



## OUR NIGHT AT THE THEATRE

### THE DICTIONARY OF LOST WORDS

Our first QPAC group theatre booking was a great success. Balcony seats in the centre section of Rows A & B gave us a first class overview of the stage. The sets and staging were superbly crafted.

Across the back of the stage a wall of pigeon holes that represented the scriptorium morphed into doorways and windows. It supported an upper stage that represented the maid's bedroom, the river bank and the battlefields of France. Images from an overhead projector filled the obscure gaps in time and location. The imagination did the rest.

On the main stage, the actors, many who played multiple roles, transported us on a journey from A-B at the "scrippy" in Oxford 1881 where the first Oxford Dictionary was being compiled, to 1899 in Adelaide, where the childhood misdemeanours of Esme from a century previously had found a loving home.

"The Dictionary of Lost Words" is a love story on many levels. The love of family and the love of words are deliciously intertwined against the backdrop of Victorian society, gender roles and morals.

Even for those who had not read the book found the Dictionary of Lost Words a very enjoyable night at the theatre.

## MEMBERSHIP CARDS

The Membership Card entitles you to many benefits.

Follow up with Cathy our Membership Secretary if you have not received your card.

*Search the Probus South Pacific Website for more information*

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Newsletter will be sent to you by email each month on the weekend prior to the meeting.

Contribution deadline the second Monday

*Email photos directly from your phone or as attachments*

**SOMEONE RIPPED THE 5TH MONTH OUT OF MY NEW CALENDAR.**

**I'M DISMAYED**



## *Help our club grow and prosper....*

Make friends and get involved in the success of Probus Teneriffe  
Talk to a committee member and find out how

### RIDDLE:

Where do bad rainbows go

To Prism.

It's a light sentence but it gives them time to reflect.



I once swallowed a book of synonyms.

It gave me the thesaurus throat I've ever had!

2025 Tenerife Probus Calendar		
<b>May 2025</b>		
Tuesday 13th	2.30pm	Book Group
Thursday 15th	9.45 for 10am	Monthly Meeting - Rachel Giles, Mercy Ships
Monday 19th		Movie Group
<b>June 2025</b>		
Monday 2nd		Movie Group
Wednesday 4th	10am	Brisbane City Botanical Gardens Guided Walk
Tuesday 10th	2.30pm	Book Group
Thursday 12th	10am	Committee Meeting
Thursday 19th	9.45 for 10am	Monthly Meeting - Getting to know you activity
Thursday 26th	11.30am	BBQ lunch at New Farm Park
<b>July 2025</b>		
Monday 7th		Movie Group
Tuesday 8th	2.30pm	Book Group
Thursday 10th	10am	Committee Meeting
Thursday 17th	9.45 for 10am	Monthly Meeting - Speaker Dr Helena Popovic How to boost your brain and defy dementia
Monday 21st		Movie Group