



# TENERIFFE PROBUS

## *newsletter*



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### Our Website

(still a work in progress)  
[www.teneriffeprobus.com](http://www.teneriffeprobus.com)

### Now on Facebook

(twice)

"Probus Club of Teneriffe" for  
private interaction.  
Please ask to join

"Teneriffe Probus Club"  
for publicity & promotion.

### Committee Meetings

All members are welcome  
10am, 2nd Thursday

*Vicki Howard's Office  
Lamington St New Farm*

### June Meeting

Thursday 19th  
9.45 for 10am

Getting to know you activity

### President's Report JUNE 2025

I often think of myself as the "accidental" president of Teneriffe Probus. What I thought was only a part time fill-in role as VP became a bit more. Upon reflection, I have appreciated the chance to be able to take a more active role in the club. I should qualify – my ability to take on the role has been heavily supported by actions of the other members of the management committee and in particular by Jenny Cobbin being willing to step up and fulfil the role. I think this model is one that could work for many members – no need to be afraid to take on a role – because there are people there to help along the way. I do think that taking on a committee position has increased my enjoyment of belonging to the club, by making it easier for me to feel connected to the club and everyone in it.

I was sorry to miss the Bisou Bisou lunch but plans are afoot for other foodie adventures. I did make it to the walk in the Botanic Gardens and enjoyed the Cruise (by Ferry from Teneriffe ) that preceded the walk. In younger days I did not prioritise going to the movies (or "The Pictures" as we used to call them) but I do now enjoy going to see a film with friends and having a lunch before or after as the movie group is doing. By having someone else choose the film, I often watch something I may not have otherwise chosen, but still enjoy it.

This month we didn't have a guest speaker organised so decided that we would try a different type of activity – one that involves a bit more member participation, and in line with the desires expressed by members to get to know more members of the club and to spend more time interacting with them. SO.... this June's meeting will involve attendees needing to interact more with people they may not have had to opportunity to speak with up to now. It will be a heavily plagiarised trivia quiz prepared by me. When you hear my questions, you will have some idea of the things that interest me. If we have another quiz I promise someone else can choose the questions. I must warn you that I am not great on Pop Culture, Movie Stars and Pop Singers but I hope I have some questions that will test you out and provide a bit of fun. The big thing is that there will be PRIZES. Unfortunately the budget doesn't run to much but who can underestimate the value of some novelty prizes for the fun they will provide.

See you at the next meeting – please bring your sense of fun and some tolerance as we are learning on the run. If you could bring a pen that would also be helpful.

*Faye Fowler*



# CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Friday 25th 12midday

AT THE BRUNSWICK HOTEL

Meal \$55 pp (3 courses) Drinks extra from the bar

Payment be transferred to Teneriffe Probus by July 17th  
bank details on the front page of this newsletter,  
please include your name in reference field

PLEASE FILL IN THE SIGN UP SHEET AT THE MEETING



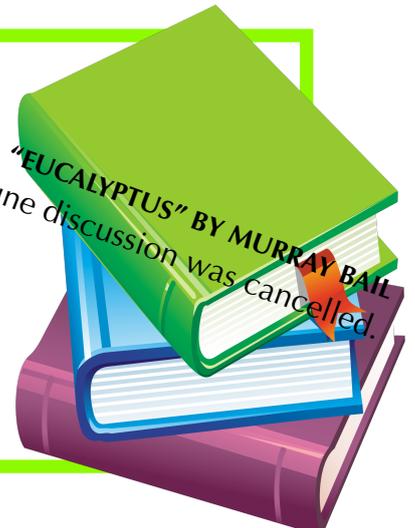
## book group.....

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  
Call or text me if you like to join us.

July 8th: The Last Apothecary by Sarah Penner  
August 12th: The Library Book by Susan Orlean

**JUNE BOOK REVIEW: "EUCALYPTUS" BY MURRAY BAIL**  
Unfortunately our June discussion was cancelled.





Hi All,  
 Eight days in the Republic of Ireland took us to Dublin, Waterford, Blarney Castle, the Ring of Kerry, Cliffs of Mohr and Galway. Fantastic scenery! Four days in Northern Ireland took in the sights of Derry, the Giants Causeway and we crossed the Carrick rope bridge. The Irish part of the tour finished in Belfast highlighted by the Titanic museum.

We are now on Scotland's Isle of Mull for a wildlife experience. This part of the trip started in Edinburgh. The Royal Mile with Edinburgh Castle were the main attractions. We took tours of the Old Town Vaults and the Royal Yacht Britannia. We will be in the north of Scotland in a couple of days, before heading south to England.

From Tracey & Frank Aldred.



## 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 May /June we have seen the "Tina" and "The Salt Path," and "Materialists"

### 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*

### POSITIONS VACANT

Activities Organizer  
 Publicity Officer  
 Assistant Secretary

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

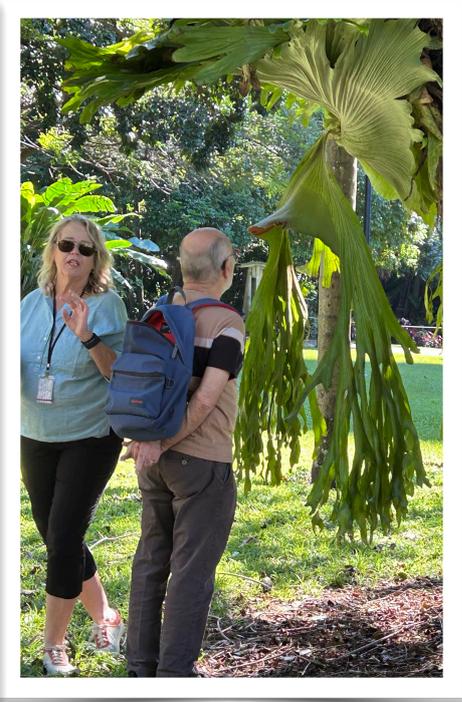
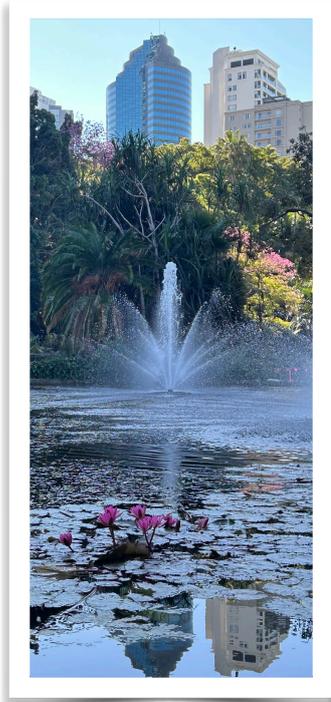
Newsletter will be sent to you by email each month on the weekend prior to the meeting.

Contribution deadline second Monday of the month

*Email photos directly from your phone or as attachments*

## CITY BOTANICAL GARDENS WALK

A small group enjoyed the winter sun on a leisurely wander around the Botanical Gardens with our volunteer guide Janice. She filled us in on the history of the gardens, their first director, the significance of many of the exotic plants chosen for the gardens as well as giving us a potted story of her own life. We admired the diversity of cycads, epiphytes, palms, pines and figs trees and many man made features in the gardens.



*Happy First Birthday Teneriffe Probus*

*Join us for lunch*

*at the Officer's Mess, Oxalade Drive, New Farm*

*on August 21st after the regular monthly meeting*

*.....Come and celebrate of our first birthday.....*



## NEW FARM PROBUS CLUB Body Corporate Group

**Meeting Date Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – 2 to 4 pm - New Farm Library Annexe**

We are pleased to offer a unique opportunity for Owners living in Strata Communities to meet with Mr Chris Irons of Starta Solve. A number of our members have engaged with Chris to resolve problems within their own Community .

*In his role with OCN (Owners Corporation Network ) Chris is involved in advocating to government about topical and sensitive body corporate issues that have an impact on Queensland strata owners. Some of the key issues at the moment are:*

- *Short-term letting: dealing with the impacts on amenity from short-term letting, including Airbnb*
- *Management Rights: getting a good balance between the interests of caretakers (who hold the management rights) and committees and owners, particularly in relation to things such as disputes about the performance of duties*
- *Bullying and harassment: practical, viable options for dealing with instances where owners feel bullied or harassed in community titles schemes*
- *Committee training: following the lead of NSW in introducing mandatory training for body corporate committee members*
- *Insurance commissions: addressing the impact of commissions on what owners pay for insurance and what service they get*
- *Regulating strata managers: ensuring there's an accepted benchmark of service and professionalism from managers*
- *Building defects: making sure that the body corporate carries out its responsibilities to maintain common property while also holding responsible those who contribute to the issue*
- *Body corporate services for owners: while Queensland has an excellent resource in the Commissioner's Office, it is not resourced to meet demand, and it is essential owners feel confident they can get the service they need from government to help them deal with complex strata issues.*

*Chris can speak to these, and other, issues, including what role OCN intends to take in relation to them, as well as other emerging issues in the strata sector. There will be a question time available to you .*

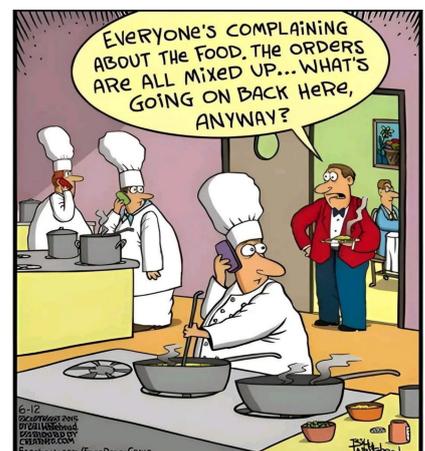
*We invite you to join us and would appreciate your.*

## New Probus Constitution

Attached alongside this newsletter email, is a copy of the new Probus South Pacific Constitution as well as new Standing Resolutions for Probus Teneriffe to review.

Please read these documents carefully.

We will be voting to ratify these changes at the meeting on Thursday July 17th 2025.



**Your support  
SAVES LIVES**

Your support of Mercy Ships will provide free surgical treatment, community health care and training, and development aid to people in desperate need.

Thanks to friends like you, we can continue to provide medical care that saves lives and transforms futures.

\$25	PROVIDES A CATARACT SURGERY
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SCAN ME

**OUR MAY SPEAKER, RACHEL GILES**, spoke to us about her experience working as a volunteer theatre nurse on Mercy Ships, which are fully equipped ocean liner/hospitals which docks in port for long periods to provide free of charge health services to the the needy in Africa.

It was heart warming to hear the life affirming stories of the patients that had undergone life saving and life changing surgery provided free of charge thanks to the Mercy Ship's services.

Mercy Ships are manned by volunteer health care professionals who support themselves whilst on boards. All equipment, staff and services are paid for by funds raised by donation. They also equip local health care facilities and train local doctors and nurses in essential techniques, leaving behind a lasting legacy.

Tears came to my eyes as Rachel told the story of the young mother who developed cataracts whilst pregnant and didn't see the face of her twins until the eye surgeon on the Mercy Ship restored her sight with cataract surgery.

A small donation could change someone's life.

## Summary of May Suggestion Box

<b><i>Opportunity to interact with different people at meetings</i></b>	<b>Yes x 4</b>
<b><i>Combine with other clubs for travel of special events</i></b>	<b>Yes x 5</b>
<b><i>Interest or activity suggested</i></b>	<b><i>Walking Group</i></b>
	<b><i>Games: Mahjong Bridge Canasta</i></b>
	<b><i>Breakfast small group</i></b>
	<b><i>Lunch after meetings (Brunswick Hotel)</i></b>
	<b><i>Anzac Square Museum visit</i></b>
	<b><i>St Johns Cathedral visit</i></b>
	<b><i>Eat St Markets (4-6)</i></b>
	<b><i>Ferry to Northshore + lunch at café (Riva Kitchen)</i></b>
	<b><i>Mathema Gallery at Mount Mee</i></b>
<b><i>Other activities suggested at May meeting</i></b>	<b><i>Indooroopilly Bridge History tour</i></b>
	<b><i>Art /Craft Group</i></b>
	<b><i>Getting to know you question at each table at morning tea</i></b>

We received 5 Suggestion Box responses from members at the May meeting and all 5 respondents would like to have an opportunity to combine with other clubs for travel or special events.

Four of the five would like to have an opportunity to interact with different people at meetings.

Your committee will do our best to incorporate these into meetings and through future information when available.

There were many good suggestions made regarding possible future activities and events with some of the members offering to facilitate the individual ones they suggested.

The more members we have offering to facilitate individual events the greater the diversity and choice available to members. Please ask one of the club committee members to help you with what is involved in doing so.

Dining and the sharing experience involved was another popular response and we are pleased to advise that lunch following the meeting is already in the pipeline for specific meetings.

The committee is considering including the Suggestion Box as a regular at meetings throughout the year. Potentially 4 times a year to give members the opportunity to have input into helping in your Probus Teneriffe club's development.

Your Management Committee

## 2025 Teneriffe Probus Calendar

June 2025		
Monday 16th		Movie Group
Thursday 19th	9.45 for 10am	Monthly Meeting - Getting to know you activity
Wednesday 25th	2pm	New Farm Probus Body Corporate Group
Thursday 26th	11.30am	BBQ lunch at New Farm Park
July 2025		
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
Friday 25th	12md	Christmas in July
August 2025		
Monday 4th		Movie Group
Tuesday 12th	2.30pm	Book Group
Thursday 14th	10am	Committee Meeting
Monday 18th		Movie group
Thursday 21st	9.45 for 10am	Monthly Meeting - Speaker Chad Sherrin "The Kokoda Trail"
Thursday 21st	12md	First Birthday Lunch at Officers Mess

