



MOSS VALE PROBUS NEWS

All the news that is just for us – and sometimes more besides

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ATTENDANCE

The Christmas function at Fountaindale Grand Manor was a great success, with 44 members and 42 partners attending a very cheerful gathering. 8 members apologised, as they were unable to attend.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

John Darling, Ray Daw, John Gates, Ian Johnston, Tom May, Jim Osborne, Don Prowse, Jim Warner and Malcolm Welshman

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Warren Harris, Bruce Horsley, Martin Lemann, Noel Moor, Fred Powis and Noel Symonds.

TODAY'S SPEAKERS

Our Club speaker will be **Martin Lemann** who will speak to “Vanuatu - before the Mast”.

Our Guest speaker will be **Ken McCracken**, Physicist and Space Scientist.

LAST MONTH'S SPEAKERS

There was no speaker at the Christmas function.

FEBRUARY MEETING (February 12th)

Our Club Speaker will be **Tom Currie** who will remind us of “Motoring in the Fifties”.

The Guest Speaker will be **John Sharp**, a former Minister in the Howard Government and now Director of Australian Aerospace, a subsidiary of the maker of aircraft, Airbus.

MEMBERSHIP

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death on December 22nd, after a short illness, of **Michael Kerby**. Michael was a former President, and his well attended funeral was held at Bevan's Chapel in Bowral on December 29th. Our deepest sympathy to Marion and their family.

Monty and Judith Hicks have moved into the Bowral Nursing Home, 87 Kangaloon Road, Bowral, where their telephone number is 4817 3250.

2 new members will be inducted at this meeting. They are:

Phil Dean of “Rosewood”, Sullivan Road, Buradoo. Tel no 48625286. Phil's wife is **Kerry** and he is being

sponsored by **Colin Stamm**.

Frank Hooke, PO Box 290, Mittagong. Tel No 4889 4545. Frank's wife is **Angela (Andy)** and he is sponsored by **Murray Walker**.

TOURS

COCKATOO ISLAND HARBOUR TOUR

On WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2009, we leave by Coach to Circular Quay, thence Ferry to Cockatoo Island. An guide will tell us about the History and Activity of Cockatoo Island since the early days of Sydney. Lunch is at your cost at the 'Muster Station Cafe'. Return by Ferry to Darling Harbour to join the Coach home. COST: \$45.00 per person includes Coach, Morning Tea, Island Tour. (Ferry (\$2.50 for Seniors) and lunch NOT included).

Payment is required by February 12th, our next Meeting, or post your cheque for Moss Vale Probus to **Allen Broome**, PO Box 1100, Bowral 2576. (We are required to pay in advance for the Island Tour).

FUNCTIONS

More information about functions at the meeting.

MILITARY HISTORY PROGRAM

Charles Vaughan-Smith has kindly volunteered to take over the management of the Military History Group from **Allen Fudge** with effect from Jan 2009.

This change is due to Allen's failing health, but having said this, Charles is well qualified in his own right for the task and will undoubtedly introduce some refreshing ideas to the Group which will ensure its continued strong following.

The first history presentation for 2009 will be on 19 February 2009 details of which will be provided in the February newsletter.

PROBUS COMPUTER ACTIVITY GROUP

There will be no meeting of the above group on the 15th January 2009 and our next meeting will be held in February 19th. More on this at the meeting.



VALÉ Michael Kerby

And some puns for the New Year!

- *The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.*
- *I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian .*
- *She was only a whisky maker, but he loved her still.*
- *A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.*
- *No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.*
- *Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.*
- *Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.*
- *A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.*
- *Atheism is a non-prophet organization.*
- *A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: 'Keep off the Grass.'*
- *A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.*
- *The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.*
- *A backward poet writes inverse.*
- *When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.*
- *Don't join dangerous cults: Practice safe sects!*