



PROBUS NEWS FOR FEBRUARY 2012

“For Probus Members Only”

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The January meeting was held on Thursday the 12th..

February Birthdays.

Pat Bowley, Ron Campbell, Warwick Lane, John Maffey, John Mathew, Brian Pemberton, Bill Sherman.

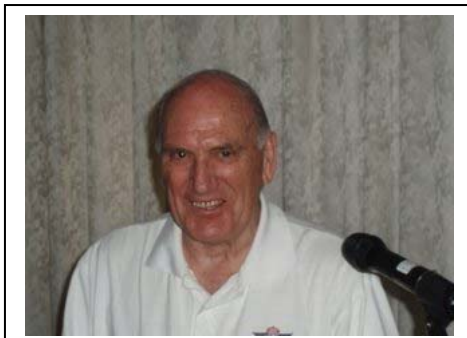
**Should members be unable to attend the monthly meeting please notify
Ron Hemming - catchers@bigpond.com phone 4868 1604.**

		Guest Speaker	Topic	Background	Club Speaker	Topic
Feb.	9	John Matthew	The Coming Storm in the Indian Ocean	An extensive career in the Navy and related key appointments	Vern Cottee	Wine – does price indicate value?
March	8	Hugh Mackay	What makes us tick – the ten desires that drive us	Accomplished psychologist, social researcher and author	No Speaker	

The Probus membership list is due for publication in April so would members check their details and notify Tom Currie by the March meeting of any **changes to their entries. Changes might include**

- * change of address.
- * change of phone number or email address.
- * other amendments or corrections to their entry.

Our January Guest Speaker



January’s speaker was John Hinton who gave an enlightening talk on the history and work of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. John started off describing the effort John Flynn made to establish a medical service for the outback and then mentioned cases of treatment being carried out via instructions from morse code or by pedal radio. 80% of Australia is serviced by RFDS and they have 21 bases spread throughout the country. Some of the vital statistics on the RFDS are shown below and we thank John for an informative talk.



Royal Flying Doctor Service
SOUTH EASTERN SECTION

Current: November 2011

The Flying Doctor: our vital stats

The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) is the largest, most comprehensive aeromedical service in the world, covering 80 percent of Australia. Here are some little known facts about the RFDS nationally, and the RDFS (South Eastern Section):

- No patient in Australia is more than two hours away from the RFDS' help.
- The RFDS started as an emergency rescue operation in 1928 and was founded by the Rev John Flynn who wanted to throw a 'mantle of safety' over Australia.
- The RFDS has since grown into a comprehensive medical service, provide inter-hospital transfers, emergency retrieval, remote consultations, GP clinics, dental services, mental health work, nursing and allied health services, primary healthcare and both undergraduate and postgraduate student training.
- Across the country, the RFDS has 21 bases, five health facilities, 61 single or twin-engined aircraft and 1015 staff. The RFDS (South Eastern Section) has six bases, one health facility, 18 aircraft and 220 staff.
- In one year, RFDS pilots across Australia fly over 25 million kilometres (the equivalent of flying to the moon and back every fortnight). Pilots for the RFDS (South Eastern Section) alone fly almost six million kilometres per year.
- RFDS doctors and flight nurses carry out more than 40,000 patient transports and treat over 278,000 patients nationally per year – that's an average of one every two minutes. In the South Eastern Section, RFDS doctors and flight nurses attend to almost 60,000 patients a year - an average of one patient every nine minutes.
- It costs around \$180 million to run the Royal Flying Doctor Service each year. Funds are received from Federal, State/Territory Governments, commercial contracts, private donations, philanthropic grants, private trusts, events and fundraising.
- The RFDS relies on the generosity of individuals, organisations and corporations to help replace aircraft and purchase vital medical supplies and equipment. To make a donation please visit www.flyingdoctor.org.au or call 1800 444 788.
- The RFDS owns one jet, which operates from our Western Australian Section out of Perth. This jet allows us to cover the vast distances of outback WA in a shorter time than ever possible before. The jet is also often tasked to assist in offshore search and rescue operations, such as assisting asylum seekers off Christmas Island in December last year.
- The RFDS plays an important role in assisting during natural disasters. This year alone, our Queensland Section has been instrumental in assisting with the floods in south east Queensland and the cyclone in far north Queensland, including providing aeromedical services to patients during the largest hospital evacuation in Australia's history – the evacuation of Cairns Hospital in preparation for Cyclone Yasi.
- The RFDS was granted the 'Royal' prefix in 1955, a year after Her Majesty the Queen's visit to the Broken Hill Base in 1954. The relationship between the Royal Family and the RFDS remains strong, with visits by the Queen and His Royal Highness Prince Charles to many RFDS Bases over the years, Prince Charles' patronage of our UK fundraising arm, Friends in the UK, and the decision by His Royal Highness Prince William and Catherine Middleton to donate funds in lieu of gifts for their wedding to the RFDS, among other charities.



Bowral Probus History Group

Future Meetings of this group will be combined with the Bowral Probus Club. :

Meeting dates are the 2nd Thursday of each month at the (Same day as our Monthly Meeting):

Uniting Church Hall Bendooley St. Bowral 2.00 pm

An invitation is extended to our Probos members to attend meetings on either a regular or occasional basis.

Our 2012 programme opens on Thursday 9th February at 2.00pm in the Uniting Church Hall, with Keith Crittenden speaking on the Fall of Singapore, seventy years ago, and the significant events leading up to the surrender. The 70th anniversary of this event actually falls on 15th February.

Any enquiries to Keith Crittenden at 4861 7032.

The tours and functions organisers now inform members that they are now able to pay online by direct debit to;

Probus Club of Moss Vale

Westpac Bowral BSB 032723 Acc No 750434 identifying themselves as the payee.

Note: It is important for the Treasurer that members identify themselves when paying online.

Also, when paying for tours and functions please pay separately for each item as paying one lump sum is too difficult for the Treasurer to itemise.

TOURS

DUX FACTORY TOUR

Thursday 23 rd FEBRUARY, 2012

9.45 a.m. Assemble outside of Dux Factory, Northern end of Lackey Road, past the Lime Works

10.00 a.m Tour of factory commences (app. Two hours)

12.30 p.m. Lunch at Seafood Affair, Argyle Street, Moss Vale

Lunch Special Fish and Chips with salad with complimentary wine or beer

Cost \$27.00 PER HEAD

BUNGENDORE AND MULLOON INSTITUTE

Monday 26TH MARCH, 2012

Bus pick up 8.30 Mittagong Railway Station

8.45 Bowral Lions Park, Bong Bong Street

9.00 Moss Vale Services Club

11.00 am Arrive at Woodwork Gallery, Bungendore, time to view exhibits, lunch at own expense
At Woodwork Café

1.00pm Leave for Mulloon Institute tour after introduction about the aims, plans and history of the Institute. Afternoon Tea will be supplied.

5.00-5.30 Return to Southern Highlands.

COST \$35.00 PER HEAD

**TRAIN TRIP TO SYDNEY, MITCHELL LIBRARY AND SYDNEY MUSEUM TOURS
HISTORY AND HERITAGE TOUR OF THE LIBRARY, THAI BANQUET OR BISTRO LUNCH AT
N.S.W.LEAGUES CLUB AND VISIT THE "HOMEFRONT EXHIBITION" AT SYDNEY MUSEUM.**

**COST \$25.00 PLUS RAIL FAIR
FURTHER DETAILS NEXT MEETING.**

Functions for 2011

Change Over Luncheon Dormie House Moss Vale Golf Club.

Thursday , 8th March, members and their partners are invited to the committee changeover.

A cut off strip is shown below.

Pity the Poor Organiser!
The following is with Bowral Probus' permission

"In organizing trips and outings for the delight of members and their partners, it is always necessary for the organizer to have an idea of how many people are interested in going. Usually we pass a sheet round for you to enter your name if you are interested and want to take part. Sometimes we put a sheet up on the board for you to enter your name. Members can also ring in to put their name on the list.

The organizer needs this information to figure out how much the trip will cost, the size of bus needed, the number to book for a meal, etc. So far so good!

Unfortunately, memories are not so good as they used to be for many of us and it is easy to forget that we have put our name on the list. It's also difficult, sometimes, to remember that we haven't yet paid our dues, and the organizer has to phone to remind you.

Recently with the Christmas Luncheon, we had the situation where a member added his name to the list a couple of months ago, and forgot all about it. The organizer didn't know he had decided against going and assumed that he would be there ... and that he was a reliable payer. So his name stayed on the list for the numbers attending, which was advised to the caterer. Unfortunately, nobody on the organizing sub-committee thought to chase payment before the final booking was made. A mistake on our part, but understandable.

To avoid this situation occurring again, the committee has decided to use the following procedure:

If a member says he is going to participate, and puts his name on a list, he must have paid by the deadline, normally one week before the event takes place, or his name will be removed from the list.

Sometimes, due to illness or other cause at the last minute, members who have paid for their tickets are unable to make use of them. In this situation, the club may be able to get a refund for the member. If this is not possible, the member is responsible for disposing of the tickets. In no circumstances, can the club refund the cost of unused tickets."

It appears all clubs have a similar problem!

Tear off strip

Change Over Luncheon.---Thursday 8th March

at Dormie House (Moss Vale Golf Club)---12noon for 12.30 sit down.

Price per person for the luncheon \$55 including drinks and 3 course Lunch.

Name Please reserve for meplaces

I enclose cheque for \$..... Please make cheque payable to Moss Vale Probus, & post to Vern Cottee at PO Box 456, Moss Vale NSW 2577. -----Inquiries 4861 2223

Club Members News

One of our old members, Col Frost, was sadly killed in a road accident in Bundanoon
Wednesday 18th Jan.

His wife Cora was seriously injured and is in Liverpool hospital.

I'm sure that many of our older members would remember Col who was a regular attendee at our meetings. He resigned some years ago due to ill health..

Inductions for February

Keith Huxham to be introduced by Bruce Windybank

John Duncan to be introduced by Noel Symonds.

Resignations have been received from John Hartley
and Warren Harris, we thank them both for their contributions, over many years, to the club.

Did you notice that Murray Walker received an "AM' in the general division

"For service to the community through a range of executive roles with conservation, health,
educational and sporting organisations, and to advertising."

Correction to members information

David Forbes email address is dmforbes1@bigpond.com

Ron Petschack's telephone number is 4862 5398 also his street number is 8 Wiseman's road.

"Berrima Beckons Bash" Monday 12th March.

The Wingcarribee Combined Probus Club has organised a "Picnic" for all local Probus clubs at Berrima. The Picnic, now referred to as the "Berrima Beckons Bash" is intended for all Probus members, in this shire, to enjoy the first combined inter-club social interaction event.

It will be held on Monday 12th March, at the Berrima 'village Green' area in the centre of town. It is intended as a simple BYO picnic, NOT a community Bar-B-Q, and running from 10:30 am until 2:30pm or later. Tentative plans are for guided visits/tours of some of the historical places in the immediate vicinity, including the museum and old churches, etc. Some competitive activities are also contemplated, again with the aim of inter-club socializing, as opposed to intra-club socializing.

A suitable hall is being organised in case of inclement weather.

Further details will be forthcoming after the next NETWORK meeting on 10th February, however, the above information can be conveyed to all Probus members with a plea to participate in this initial social interaction, even if only for part of the event.

Activities that will be available are detailed below.

- The Berrima District museum will be open and a member of the historical and Family History Society will be available as guide and to give a brief background Talk. (entry fee \$5) well worthwhile.
- Holy Trinity Anglican Church (designed by Emund Blacket) will be open and there will be a short organ recital.
- Hopefully St Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church (designed by Augustus Pugin) will also be open.
- Walking guides to 33 sites in Berrima are available from the Museum (cost \$2). Many of the sites are close to the Market Place and picnic area.
- Tea and coffee will be available in the Anglican hall and this can also provide additional shelter if weather is poor.

**Further information can be obtained from Chris Dudley (Wingcarribee Combined Probus)
on 4858 0608**

A thank you to members who have been Club Speakers over the last 12 months.

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Meeting		Club Speaker	Topic
April	14	Vern Cottee	Speed alert & recording on GPS devices
May	12	Francis de Beaujeu	Namibia, a destination by choice

June	9	George Owen	Robbing the High and Mighty
July	14	Martin Lemann	On Cooper Creek.

August	1 1	Peter Edwards	Making Donna more Bella
Sept.	8	Mac Elliott	Cap and Trade Carbon Tax.

Oct.	1 3	Bill Sherman	Guns of the Wild West!
Nov.	1 0	Bruce Windybank	Travel Insurance

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Jan.	1 2	Monty Hicks	A Land Grab – made easy
Feb.	9	Vern Cottee	Wine – does price indicate value?

One for the boys, to help maintain their sheltered little self-delusional worlds

How many men does it take to open a beer?
None. It should be opened by the time she brings it.

Why is a Laundromat a really bad place to pick up a woman?
Because a woman who can't even afford a washing machine will probably never be able to support you.

In the beginning, God created the earth and rested.
Then God created Man and rested.
Then God created Woman.
Since then, neither God nor Man has rested.