



PROBUS NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S ON

14 th March	General Meeting
14 th March	Changeover Dinner 6:00 pm
27 th March	Coffee Club
30 th March	"Two" - Mittagong Play House
4 th April	Committee Meeting
11 th April	Annual General Meeting

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	92
Non- Active Members	5
Life Members	1
Attendance last meeting	55

Congratulations to these members who have reached membership milestones this month. Firstly, we have two with tens years membership and they are

Bruce Windybank and Gordon Dummer. With an outstanding thirty years membership is Bob Lineham. Fantastic!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to the boys who have significant birthdays this month. Piero Dal Bianco hits eighty and Ian Farquhar is ninety! Best wishes and congratulations to you both.

Richard Cant	Tom Currie
Piero Dal Bianco	Ian Farquhar
Bill Lane	Les Lenny
Ray Sleeman	Bruce Windybank

ANNUAL MEETING

Another year passes and we have another annual meeting of the club. Thanks to President Brian and his committee which must have done well as most of them are lining up for another year albeit with a few changes in rolls.

Last month I mentioned that Malcolm Stephens was standing down from the great job he did with Speakers role but we are not losing him as he will remain on the committee in a support role.

Nominations for confirmations are:

President	Graham Warner
Past President	Brian Collath
Vice President	Max Powditch
Secretary	Arthur Delbridge
Treasurer	Brian Collath
Tours	Gordon Dummer
Functions	Francis de Beajeu

Speakers
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 Committeemen

Geoff McBean
 Jim McGrath
 Bruce Pearson
 Richard Miall, John te Wechel,
 Geoff McNamarra and
 Malcolm Stephens.

The usual annual meeting business will be dealt with in the usual quick and efficient manner.

We wish our new president, Graham Warner and his committee all the best for the coming year.

CHANGEOVER DINNER

After the success of last year's changeover dinner it was decided to again hold this year's function at the same venue. All members and wives are invited to the banquet to be held at the Shanghai Restaurant opposite the Post Office in Bowral at 6 on Thursday, 14th March. It will be a similar menu with a variety of tasty dishes for the main course and dessert to follow. It is a BYO restaurant and the cost is \$30 which includes the meal, tea/coffee and corkage. Forty-three have already booked in so if you would like to be included, please book in the next two days, in the normal manner.

COFFEE CLUB

The attendance at the last meeting was only 17 but the subject, "China's Rise: Implications for Australia" proved popular judging by the involvement in the widely varying aspects that were raised.

The next meeting of the Coffee Club will be at the Lower Pavilion Room at Bradman Oval around 10 am on Wednesday, 27th March with the focus topic being "Manners, Respect, Responsibility: Where did they go?" All members welcome.

SPEAKERS

At this March meeting we have only a guest speaker due to the annual meeting. We welcome the well-known, Patrick Farmer AM, ultra-marathon athlete, motivational speaker, and former Australian politician as Member of the Australian House of Representatives. Come along and hear this extraordinary speaker at the meeting.

The club speaker for April will be Kevin Ferrari, but his topic has not yet been disclosed! The visiting speaker will be Victor Hugo, not the long-dead writer,

ONE-LINER OF THE MONTH

Police arrested a kid drinking battery acid and another eating fireworks, so they charged one and let the other one off!

but an ex RAF pilot, whose topic will be "Sitting on the Bomb."

You will possibly have noticed at the last meeting that we are attempting to record speakers (with permission) so they can be placed on the website and available at our leisure in your home. Unfortunately, our first effort was interrupted by a phone call on the recording device (apologies) but we will persist and let you know if and when they become available.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

At this time, you have less than a month to pay your annual membership fees before your membership lapses. Please help us by paying promptly so we do not need to send out reminders.

It would also help if you pay via bank transfer with your name so your payment can be clearly identified. If you pay by cash or cheque at the meeting, please write your name clearly on an envelope containing the cash or on the back of the cheque.

Membership fees are unchanged, and you are requested to pay your fees on or by 31st March after which time membership lapses and a late fee applies.

Fees are \$40 for membership with a morning tea fee of \$5 each time you attend a meeting. The late fee for membership is an additional \$5 which will be applied for those paying after 31st March.

New member application fee also remains unchanged at \$40 and this covers badges, Probus insurance and membership for one year.

BOULES



Although only five members took advantage of this opportunity to visit Sutton Forest and play the game of Boules, these five had a thoroughly challenging and enjoyable time. And to top it off, there was Lyn's delicious morning tea. Another day is being considered.

TWO – BOOKINGS CLOSING

Set in a local pub, Jim Cartwright's timeless comedy "TWO" introduces a misfit crowd of fourteen

eccentric characters all skillfully played by Kate Raison and Brian Meegan. Funny, heart-warming and poignant, don't miss this opportunity to catch The Ensemble Theatre's acclaimed production, directed by Mark Kilmurry. Club bookings for "Two" at 2:30 pm on Saturday, 30th March in Mittagong are open. The cost is \$38 per person and members and their wives are encouraged to come along and enjoy this outing. The play is being combined with a luncheon (at your expense) at the NEW "Glass House" Restaurant (formerly "Esco Pazzo"). 84 Main Street Mittagong at 12.45 pm. Twenty-four have already booked in so if you would like to join please book in the normal manner in the next two days.

UPCOMING TRIPS

Gordon is organizing a visit to the Nowra Naval Air Base on Wednesday August 14. It takes only a little more than an hour to drive to Nowra, so hopefully we can support Gordon by having a large turnout. Details will be provided at the next General meeting.

And after that, master organiser Gordon (and his wife Lyn) will have organised a three-night stay in Port Stephens. There is much to see and do in this area including a boat trip across to Tea Gardens (where we will have lunch.) This trip is not focused just on food, but there are a couple of stand-out restaurants that Gordon and Lyn know.

ARCHIVE

Mention was made at the last meeting of the recently developed Club Archive becoming available to members on the internet. The archive currently holds all newsletters we were able to locate from Edition 1, July 1984 right through to 2018. These are presented scanned as they were originally printed so there is a variety of formats, sizes, colours and of course, as technology improved, in quality. However, they are available for you to read online or print if you so desire.

It is quite interesting the differences and similarities of the club and membership, then and now and the excursions and speakers make interesting reading as well. They will no doubt be a little nostalgic for long-time members

If you are interested spending some time browsing, follow the link [HERE](#).

EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS AND ISOLATION

All our members have been invited to participate in a 2-hour workshop on the above topic (which will touch on extreme weather) on March 26, in Bowral. Our contact is Amanda.Lawrence@wsc.nsw.gov.au.

FAIRGROUND FOLLIES

This has been postponed until a later date.

PAYMENTS

Cash	To the Treasurer at meetings.
Cheque	Probus Moss Vale PO Box 456, MOSS VALE 2577
Online	1. A/c: Probus Club of Moss Vale 2. BSB 032723 and Account No. 750434 3. Please identify yourself by name so payments will be correctly credited.