



PROBUS NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S ON

11 th April	General Meeting
24 th April	Coffee Club
2 nd May	Committee Meeting
6 th May	Coffee and Chat for Ladies
9 th May	General Meeting
16 th May	Kangaroo Valley Hydro
29 th May	Coffee Club
18 th June	Fairground Follies Bowral
24 th July	Berkelouw Antique Books
12 th August	Nowra Naval Base
21-24 October	Port Stephens Trip

This April issue of the newsletter is a bonus issue! There are three pages of interesting information to browse.

We have a long list of activities to look forward to so please read the details below as some are strictly limited and it will be a case of first in best dressed. If you would like to attend any of these please book as soon as possible so you don't miss out. Note that the visit the hydro station visit is members only but wives are welcome on all other trips.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	91
Non- Active Members	5
Life Members	1
Attendance last meeting	48

ANNUAL FEES.

Disappointingly, despite many reminders, quite a few members had not paid their annual dues by the cut-off date of March 31. Could those members please pay the \$45 now owing as soon as possible.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to all those who are celebrating another birthday this month. Nick Tait has reason for a double celebration as he brings up his eightieth year. Best wishes Nick!

Derek Barnes	Allen Broome
John Rigden	Nick Tait
Barry Todd	Graham Warner

Please note that none were born on 1st April!

INDUCTIONS

We are happy to announce that there are two inductions at this meeting. Firstly, Michael Ellis who comes to us after a career in finance, accounting,

and general management which he has left for the leisurely pastimes of golf, gardening, music, shooting and motor home meandering with his wife, Janice.

Our second inductee is John Browne who was previously an agricultural scientist in PNG and consultant with Bayer. John now plans to explore his genealogy in between rounds of golf! Welcome John and his wife Judy to the club.

COFFEE CLUB

Last meeting, which had as its theme "Manners, Respect and Responsibility...where have they gone?" proved very popular, with plenty of comment from the 26 attending. Next meeting has as its topic "Southern Highland's Restaurants and Cafes...which are the good ones, which are the bad, and why?" The next meeting of the Coffee Club will be at the Lower Pavilion Room at Bradman Oval around 10 am on Wednesday, 24th April.

SPEAKERS

The club speaker for April will be Kevin Ferrari, with the title of his talk being "Just for Fun!" The visiting speaker will be Victor Hugo, not the long-dead writer, but an ex RAF pilot, whose topic will be "Sitting on the Bomb".

Next month our club speaker will be Peter Compton on a topic yet to be revealed and he will be followed by our guest speaker, Ron Epworth, who will speak about "Bangladesh" after morning tea.

TWO

Twenty-six members and wives attended the stage production of "TWO" at the Mittagong Playhouse last Sunday. The play was both very professional and highly entertaining, the two-only actors playing fourteen different roles, most of whom you could find in any Australian hotel bar. At the end the two actors conducted a very informative "Q&A" and this proved almost as enjoyable as the play. Thanks to Chris Young for this report.

KANGAROO VALLEY HYDRO SYSTEM

There has been a lot of chat in the media about environmental energy generation, so a trip has been planned to the Kangaroo Valley Hydro Scheme which is actually a pumped hydro system on the same basis as the extensions being undertaken on the Snowy River Scheme. The date will be Thursday 16th May commencing at 9:30am. Travel will be by private car



and we will car pool where possible. The minimum clothing (PPE) requirements for site access are long sleeved shirt (high visibility preferred ie light coloured), long trousers and enclosed footwear (steel cap boots preferred but not essential)

If anyone has a hard hat or safety glasses, please bring them on the day, if not they will be provided. There is no charge but lunch will be at one of the local venues at your own cost.

The only thing to notice is that this excursion is strictly limited to 24 participants and as a result it is limited to members only on this one. Do it now to avoid disappointment. If you would like to attend give your name to Richard Miall or email him with your name at richardinfiji@hotmail.com.

FAIRGROUND FOLLIES

Fairground Follies has now been confirmed and will take place on Tuesday, 18th June. The guided tour will include seeing and hearing mechanical musical devices as well as the old traditional fairground attractions such as merry-go-rounds. You will hear their story from the owner and restorer as well as enjoy a morning cup of tea and cakes.

The cost of this one is \$27.50pp. We need twenty people to make the day proceed so book and pay in the usual way or pass your name to Richard Miall.

HMAS ALBATROSS (Nowra)



We have applied for permission for members of Moss Vale Probus to visit HMAS Albatross (Nowra) on Monday, 12th August 2019. HMAS Albatross is the home of the Royal Australian Navy's Fleet Air Arm and its four operational flying squadrons. It is also the location of the Fleet Air Arm Museum.

The yet to be approved programme for the day may include

- A windscreen tour of the Base from the bus.
- A visit to 723 Sqn and a look over an EC135 helicopter.
- A visit to the HATS Flight Simulator.
- A visit to 816 Sqn and a look over a Seahawk helicopter.
- A visit to the Seahawk Flight Simulator.
- A visit to 808 Sqn and a look over a MRH-90 helicopter
- A visit to the HMAS Albatross control tower.
- A visit to the Fleet Air Arm Museum.

The tour will be followed by lunch at HMAS Albatross in the canteen where light meals and drinks can be purchased. Transport will be by private car and car pooling is encouraged for the day. Further information as it comes to hand.

Even though it is early you need to get your name to Gordon at gordon_dummer@bigpond.com to ensure your place on this tour. Partners are invited.

PORT STEPHENS OVERNIGHTER

The date has been set for the three night stay in Port Stevens. It is the Monday 21st – Thursday 24th October so enter these dates in your diary.

Those who have been on these tours before will know what a great time we have and if you haven't been then now is the time to come along and find out.

Accommodation has been booked at the Oaks Pacific Resort and day trips are being organised to include a cruise and visits to many local attractions such as museums, galleries, wineries and sightseeing in this beautiful area. Full details and cost will be released when available.

Yes, we need names if you are considering coming along on this one. Please notify Gordon as above. Once you have given him your name or if you have already given him your name please confirm your booking with a deposit of \$100 by your usual method.

COFFEE ANYONE?

Some drink Nescafe while others go that one step further. Like to find out how a decent cup of coffee is made from a real barista? We have the opportunity to visit Rush Coffee roasting where we can have a coffee tasting and learn more about your own coffee machine to get the best results. The cost is \$20 p/p and we need 10 participants to make this work. A date will be arranged as soon as we get the ten people together. Names to Gordon at gordon_dummer@bigpond.com please.

BOULES CHALLENGE

After the previous boules day, a number of members have expressed interest in taking up the challenge once again. Obviously, the news of the fun and enjoyment of the morning has spread so would you like to participate in another? It is open to members, wives, prospective members and friends

so if you are up for it do the usual, names to Gordon please at gordon_dummer@bigpond.com

COFFEE AND CHAT FOR LADIES

For some time now many of us have considered a coffee catch up once a month for the wives, partners, and especially those ladies who have been widowed or perhaps caring for their husbands or partners in nursing homes or at home.

We plan to hold this in the Bradman museum entry area which is currently being reconfigured to include some long tables.

The first Monday of each month at 10:00 am to 11:30 am, first meeting 6th May has been decided.

We would be grateful if any of our present ladies could let us know the names and phone numbers or emails of those previously mentioned. Further if they would be prepared to transport them to and from Bradman.

Some indication of your plan to attend would be appreciated. Any queries please email Lyn Dummer on gordon_dummer@bigpond.com or phone/text on 0408408229

BERKELOUW ANTIQUE BOOKS

You will have noticed this in the Coming Events list at the beginning of the newsletter. It is to be held on Wednesday, 24th July and at Berkelouw books of course. We are hoping to have Leo Berkelouw talk about escaping Holland and his collection of rare and antique books. As we are there I can well imagine that a cup of good coffee might feature on the day's agenda. These arrangements are all to be firmed up and additional information will be published when available.

ELECTION QUIZ

As another federal election is upon us I thought it would be interesting to pose a few trivia questions on federal parliament and its history. No prize just the glory of knowing how many you got correct and we won't ask how many you didn't.

1. How many double-dissolutions have there been of federal parliament?
 - a. 2
 - b. 3
 - c. 5
 - d. 7
2. We all know Edmund Barton was our first prime minister. What party did he represent?
 - a. Protectionists
 - b. Colonial Separatists
 - c. Farmers and Graziers
 - d. Liberal

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.

3. How many of our prime ministers have died in office?
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 3
 - d. 5
4. Since the election in 2007 we have had six prime ministers. How many prime ministers in the previous ten years?
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 3
 - d. 4
5. How many prime ministers of Australia have been representatives from the Country Party?
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 3
 - d. 4
6. Who was the youngest person to become prime minister of Australia?
 - a. Stanley Bruce
 - b. Chris Watson
 - c. Robert Menzies
 - d. Malcolm Fraser
7. Who was the oldest person to become prime minister of Australia?
 - a. William McMahon
 - b. Malcolm Turnbull
 - c. Ben Chifley
 - d. John McEwan
8. How many times was Robert Menzies elected prime minister?
 - a. 5
 - b. 7
 - c. 9
 - d. 10
9. What flag features on the emblem of the National Party of Australia?
 - a. None
 - b. Australian
 - c. National Farmers and Graziers
 - d. Federation Flag

The answers are below so no peeking!

THIS MONTH'S ELECTION ONE-LINER

I think we should get rid of democracy. All in favor raise your hand.

AND THE FINAL WORD

The membership booklet is about to be reprinted so if you have changed any of your information, address, phone, mobile or anything at all please let us know so we can get it right in the booklet. **Please do it now as next month will be too late!** Email at probusmossvale@gmail.com or phone the secretary Arthur at 4869 5453.

ANSWERS
1) d 2) a 3) c 4) a 5) c 6) b 7) d 8) d 9) a