



# PROBUS NEWSLETTER

## August 2023

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### WHAT'S ON

10 <sup>th</sup> August	General Meeting
11 <sup>th</sup> August	Historic Aircraft Museum
30 <sup>th</sup> August	Men's Coffee Club
30 <sup>th</sup> August	Ladies' Coffee Club
7 <sup>th</sup> September	Committee Meeting
14 <sup>th</sup> September	General Meeting
19-23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept.	Beechworth Trip
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Men's Coffee Club
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Ladies' Coffee Club



Well, an amazing 12.5% of our club have a birthday in August and we wish them all a happy birthday on the occasion and best of luck in the draw for the bottle of wine!

Randolph Barnes	Rob Chapman
Peter Compton	David Deans
Peter Eustace	Roger Hodgson
Jim McGrath	John McKenzie
Geoff McNamarra	Graeme Stapelfeldt

There is one special birthday this month when we congratulate our Past President and Kenworth enthusiast, Jim McGrath as he joins the members of the OBE club. Well done, Jim!

### FAREWELL



This meeting we say farewell as we lose Geoff and Barbara McNamara as they make the move to Sydney. The committee received Geoff's resignation at the August meeting and thanked him for his services to the club as the Events Organiser for the last few

years. We have enjoyed many morning teas and Christmases both in July and December and Changeover Dinners during his time in charge as well the company of Geoff and Barbara on tours and outings.

We wish you happiness in your new home closer to your family. Thanks for being a member!

### MORNING TEA PAYMENTS

In April members were offered a full year of morning teas at general meetings at a reduced rate and the offer is being offer repeated for one last time for members to pay just \$20 for the seven morning teas through to the next Annual Meeting in March 2024. Ask the accountants in the club whether they think this is a good idea!

The offer closes at the general meeting in September so get in quickly to take advantage of this generous offer.

### AUGUST SPEAKERS



Our guest today is Viv May who, as you probably all know, is the current administrator of our local council. Viv has over 50 years' experience working in the NSW Local Government Sector. He spent over 43 years at Mosman Council, 27 as General Manager, until his retirement in 2013. In March 2021, was appointed as Interim Administrator and subsequently, Administrator of Wingecarribee Shire Council. When he arrived, Viv described the Council as a debacle, and recommended that a Public Inquiry be held and was asked by the Minister for Local Government to remain in the role until September 2024.

The club speaker will be Stephen Blackman who will present his talk on volunteering for service in the NSW RFS. The NSW Rural Fire Service is the world's largest volunteer fire service, made up of more than 70,000 dedicated volunteers right across NSW.

### VALE LES LENNY & JOHN BRERETON

Regrettably, this month we lost two of our members. Les Lenny, who joined the club in January, 1993 and was the president of the club in 2006-07 passed away and also, John Brereton a member from October 2019.

Our thoughts are with their families and friends.

### COFFEE CLUBS

Join fellow members at the Bowral Bowling Club on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> August at 10am for your monthly coffee and chat with club members.

Ladies' Coffee Morning will be held at the Annesley Café, 10 Westwood Drive, Bowral, on

Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> August at 10.00am. Enquiries to Jennifer Collath.

### FINANCE

Opening Balance July 1	\$9,650.88
Closing Balance July 30	\$6,078.38
Funds on Hold (Tours etc)	\$0.00
Current Net Balance	\$6078.38

### CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	69
Non-Active Members	11
Total Members	80

### ZIG ZAG RAILWAY TRIP



There were a lot of good reports on the trip to the Blue Mountains for the ride on the newly reopened Zig Zag Railway. The ride departed from the Top Points at Clarence to the Bottom Points and return pulled along

by a restored C16 Class locomotive with restored passenger carriages. This was followed with dinner and an overnight stay in Blackheath and the return journey to Bowral on Sunday.



### ALBION PARK AIRCRAFT MUSEUM

On Friday (11<sup>th</sup> Aug) this week members will be enjoying a tour of the Albion Park Aircraft Museum plus morning tea and lunch after the tour. All enquiries to John Elvy 0414 255 770.

### BEECHWORTH

The plans for the Beechworth trip have been finalised and distributed to those who attending. There is still time for you to register to go on the trip if you contact John Elvy 0414 255 770 no later than Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> August.

### HOW TO MAKE PAYMENTS

**ONLINE (Preferred)**

BSB 032723 ACCOUNT 750434

Please identify your payment with your name.

**CASH**

Directly at a meeting.

### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The committee is working on plans to promote the club and hopefully attract new members as our current membership is the lowest it has been for a long time.

The member in charge of this initiative, John Elvy, has arranged for our club to feature on various screens throughout the Mittagong RSL Club where, as you know, a lot of men in our age group gather for social occasions.

Another project underway is the development of a presence on Facebook to further promote membership of Probus to a wider audience. Business card style cards with Moss Vale Club details are also being sought to distribute to prospective members.

You too can play a part in this promotion by approaching friends and acquaintances and inviting them along to experience a meeting and perhaps joining. Remember, they must attend three meetings before committing to membership.

One current source of information is the club website ([CLICK HERE](#)) where all the newsletters for several years are available to give a good idea of the club activities as well as details of membership and other club details. Can you help?

### CHRISTMAS IN JULY



A sizeable crowd attended the Christmas in July at the Glass Restaurant at the Mittagong Golf Club and obviously had a good time was had by all! During the meal the crowd were entertained by a duo who played a variety of songs.



### AUGUST ONE-LINER

When life gives you melons,  
you might be dyslexic.