



PROBUS NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S ON

12 th April	General Meeting
14 th April	Summer of Seventeenth Doll
26 th April	Coffee Club
3 rd May	Committee Meeting
10 th May	General Meeting
28 th May	Holcin Quarry Tour (limited)
29 th Sept	Annual G & S Bundanoon

I notice the colour starting to appear in the trees around the district and the autumn change will soon be upon us. Your new committee is not getting set for hibernation though! They have been very active in getting things organised for the coming year as you will notice in the various bits of news in your April Edition.

COFFEE CLUB

Please note change of date for April Coffee Club – due to ANZAC DAY the gathering will take place on Thursday, 26th April. We will meet in the usual location, in the Lower Pavilion Room, Cricket Museum, Bowral. Come along and enjoy the discussion, coffee and company.

We will return to the last Wednesday of the month in May and will meet on 30th May.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	95
Non- Active Members	3
Life Members	1
Attendance February	52

The committee accepted with reluctance the resignations of Barry Wood, Brian Florance, Martin Earp and Ian Ridley. We appreciated their membership and company over the years and wish them well.

Sadly, Warrick Kent AO passed away this month. He had been a respected member of our club since September 2013 and will be missed by all. Our thoughts are with the family at this difficult time.

INDUCTIONS

Hugh Scott will be inducted at this April meeting. Hugh and his wife Vera enjoyed the recent cruise on Port Hacking and we welcome them both to the club.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This month there is one milestone birthday to celebrate and that is our current secretary, Graham Warner who celebrates his three score years and ten.

Happy birthday to the following who are all celebrating another year.

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

SPEAKERS

Club Speaker, Frank Tate will be enlightening us on the subject of "Geographical Disorientation". The 75th

anniversary of the bombing of Darwin has been remembered this year and our guest speaker Peter Sweeney, an authority on military history, will present his talk on the "The Bombing of Northern Australia". Peter has been with us before and is always an interesting and informative speaker.

The following month, May, our club speaker is Terry O'Malley with a presentation about his visit to the war-torn village of Oradour-sur-Glane in France. The guest speaker for May is not to be missed. Greg De Moore will relate the tale of "Tom Wills; An Australian Story". Tom Wills was probably Australia's first professional cricketer and his life story is heartbreaking. It will be well worth the effort to come along and hear of Greg's research.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT DETAILS?

There is very little time left if you have changed your membership details in the past twelve months. If you have changed anything, please let us know immediately! The booklet will contain your name, partner, address, telephone, email, birthday and date of joining.

CHINESE DINNER

Around thirty happy members and partners attend the dinner at the Shanghai Chinese Restaurant to celebrate the commencement of the new committee for 2018-19. The meal featured a variety of tasty Chinese cuisine and it was a very enjoyable evening with Probus friends.



PORT HACKING CRUISE

What a great day out his was! Never having been to Bundeena I was greatly surprised at what a lovely seaside village it is with its crystal clear waters, sweeping beaches and village atmosphere. The initial ferry trip was a nostalgic journey across to Cronulla in a beautiful old 1939 ferry before we joined the luncheon cruise on the larger vessel the "Gunnamatta".

Over leisurely and tasty lunch we cruised Port Hacking and enjoyed the scenery and the commentary from the



captain. The crew looked after us well and their prompt and courteous service added to the delightful experience.

Thanks once again Gordon for your organisation of this day. It was another great day out with the Probus Club.



SEVENTEENTH DOLL

Bookings have officially closed for this function. Gordon would like an indication of the numbers attending the lunch at noon prior to the performance in the Lion Rampant Hotel in Mittagong. Please let him know by email or phone or just tell him at the meeting that you or coming along. We would love your company on the day.

BBDO

A Big Boys Day Out has been organized and members only are invited to attend. The date booked is Monday, 28th May and we will be travelling by private car to Marulan where we will be visiting the Holcin Quarry with all its massive machinery. For safety reasons we are required to tour their site by bus which they will provide.

Lunch will also be provided by the company and thus the whole day is free of charge. Unfortunately, the bus only holds ten persons and so we are strictly limited to that number for this tour. Bookings will be taken by Gordon on a first-come first-served basis and a waiting list will be kept and used in order of receipt should a vacancy occur for some reason.

Further details will be forthcoming soon.

You may book with Gordon directly or email at

gordon_dummer@bigpond.com.au

HUNTER VALLEY TRIP

Expressions of interest are sought for the Hunter Valley Tour. This is a 4 day/3 night being planned for Monday, 22nd October through to Thursday, 25th October. Planned are lots of interesting activities and a variety of dining and wining experiences of course. We will be doing the tourist trails with visits to historical sites as well as boutique



cheese, chocolate, brewery and wineries as well as other activities. Costs are expected to be around \$500 which will include accommodation and some activities and meals during the outings.

This tour is being organized by Richard Miall and Richard may be contacted at richardinfiji@hotmail.com. At this stage we only need to know if you are interested in attending so that suitable accommodation can be found. Later, when plans have been firmed up and costs are known you will be asked to commit to the trip and a deposit will be requested.

So, for now please advise Richard of your interest so that planning can commence in full.

WEBSITE UPDATE

The club website has been completely updated and new features added while retaining many of the old. Log onto the site at www.probusmossvale.org.au and have a look around. Remember to have a browse every so often for changes and to look for information about upcoming events. Newsletters, excursions and events details are printable so that you can stick them on the fridge as a reminder or take them with you to refer to details.

You will also find that photos in the gallery can be downloaded and printed if you wish by selecting the photo and saving/printing.

APRIL'S ONE-LINER!

The world tongue-twister champion just got arrested and I hear he is going to get a really tough sentence.

FRIENDS OF PROBUS

There comes a time for many members who find that ill-health, mobility and other problems associated with our advancing years make it difficult to remain an active member of our club and these members often resign their membership. The club would like those members who resign or have resigned, the opportunity to continue to receive the club newsletter so they may continue to keep in touch even though they are no longer members. If you wish to take advantage of this, please let one of the committee know so it can be organized. If you no longer wish to be included would you also let us know so appropriate action can be taken.

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.