



PROBUS NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S ON

13 th December	Probus Christmas Party
December	NO Coffee Club!
3 rd January	NO Committee Meeting
10 th January	General Meeting
30 th January	Coffee Club
5 th February	"The Rocks" Tour
26 th February	Boules at Geoff's Place
30 th March	"Two" - Mittagong Play House

On behalf of President Brian Collath and all your committee, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May you look forward to enjoying (but not too much) this joyous festive period with friends and family and look forward to 2019 with confidence and good health.

*Bruce Pearson
Editor*

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

One of the Probus aims is "intellectual stimulation" so here's a year's supply. Listed below are ten Christmas songs but only the initial letter of each word in their title. Let me know if you figure them all out!

1. S N (easy to start)
2. D D M O H
3. T H A T I
4. I W A H F C
5. H Y A V M C
6. I S M K S A
7. W S W T F
8. A I W F C I M T F T
9. G G R O B A R
10. W T K O O A

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	96
Non- Active Members	4
Life Members	1
Attendance last meeting	59

The committee accepted with reluctance a letter of resignation from Keith Stammers and David Forbes has requested to be moved to the non-active list.

AND THE CHRISTMAS ONE-LINER!

What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus? Claustrophobic

HUNTER VALLEY PHOTO



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

I know we mentioned the December birthdays in last month's issue but here's a reminder so you can wish them happy birthday in the correct month.

Happy birthday again

John Dash

Nick Locke

Tom May

David Simmonds

John McCullagh

COFFEE CLUB

A total of 16 members braved the downpour and the cold weather to gather at Bradman Oval Pavilion to express their feelings about what drives them crazy. There was a wide variety of areas revealed but unfortunately no solutions came readily to hand so it was decided that we should meet again as usual in January (not December) to further explore other topics. In light of this, the next meeting of the Coffee Club will be at the Lower Pavilion Room at Bradman Oval around 10 am on Wednesday, 30th January.

We obviously need more brain power to attend so please come along and help us out!

SPEAKERS

This month we give Malcolm a well-deserved month off as there are no speakers at the December meeting. In place of the speakers we are having the Club Christmas Party (if you haven't already heard).

Come along in January to hear our club speaker, Peter Dewey speak on the title "Unintended Consequences" and guest speaker, Paul Shanahan, who is presenting "Humanitarian Aid in Conflict".

CHRISTMAS PARTY – BOOKINGS CLOSED

Bookings for the Christmas Party are now officially closed. The party is at Centennial Winery on Thursday, 13th December and all members and their wives are welcome. Plan to arrive around noon for a 12:30 start. The bar will be open and you may purchase your own drinks as required and dress for this occasion will be smart casual. There are over eighty coming along and we are all looking forward to celebrating the occasion you on the day.

Thank you to Francis de Beaujeu for all the time and organization that he has put into this a special celebration for the members and wives,

“THE ROCKS” TOUR

The booked date for this interesting activity is Tuesday, February 5th. It is planned to travel by train from the Southern Highlands to Campbelltown where we will change trains and travel to Circular Quay. Here we will be met by our guide who will take us for a stroll around places of interest in The Rocks area of Sydney for an hour. This will be followed by lunch a further hour guided walk through the area and back to the station. Home again by train. We have been told there are less than six steps on the entire walk and that it is leisurely paced with the lunch break in the middle. This old part of Sydney holds a lot of history and hidden gems – come along and enjoy!

The cost of the day is \$10 per person plus lunch at your own expense and a return train fare of course. Departure time at this stage is planned for 8:02 am with our return around either 5:00 or 6:00 pm. Please book now in the usual way. More information contact Gordon at gordon_dummer@bigpond.com

BOULES



A morning playing the great game of Boules is being organized to be held at Geoff MacBean's place on Tuesday, 26th February, 2019. The proposed starting time

is 10am. We had a good response to the recent bowls day and the good news is that boules don't have any bias which makes the whole game easier and just as much fun.

Is it hard to play? The answer is not at all as it just involves lobbing a small metal ball as close as you can to a smaller white metal ball. What could be simpler? Look in future newsletters for additional information.

TWO

This year quite a number of members and wives enjoyed an outing to see a show at the Mittagong Theatre. We have booked another visit to the theatre to see a play called “Two” at 2:30 pm on Saturday, 30th March in Mittagong. The play, a

comedy, has fourteen characters and all of these are played by only two actors. The cost is \$38 per person.

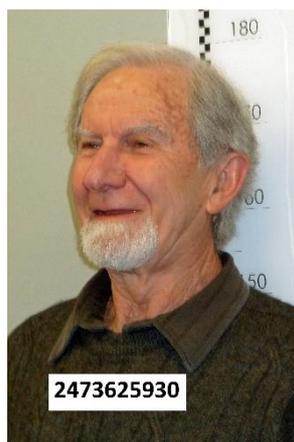
It is planned to combine the play with a luncheon at your own expense at a venue yet to be chosen. Watch the newsletters for details soon.

THE 2019 ELECTIONS

Not the state government elections or the federal elections, the election of your club committee for the forthcoming year. Nominations are called from members for election to positions on the Probus Club Committee for 2019-20 term. The only position that may not be contested is that of president which automatically progresses from vice-president the previous term.

We would particularly like to hear from members who would like to join the committee for the first time. One or two positions are available for you to join without any direct responsibilities for the first year with the expectation that you will take on responsibilities for a full position the following year.

None of the work on the committee is onerous and only involves a short time once a month to administer your duties and attendance at the monthly meetings.



POLICE STATION VISIT

A large group turned out for this occasion which proved to be both interesting and informative. We would particularly like to thank the police officer for his warm welcome and guided tour of the station. It was amusing that he referred to the people he dealt with as his customers!



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.