



PROBUS NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S ON

5 th August	Coffee and Chat for Ladies
8 th August	General Meeting
12 th August	Nowra Naval Base Tour
28 th August	Coffee Club
2 nd September	Coffee and Chat for Ladies
5 th September	Committee Meeting
12 th September	General Meeting
12 th September	Payment for Port Stephens
25 th September	Coffee Club
28 th September	G&S at Bundanoon
21-24 October	Port Stephens Trip

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	94
Non-Active Members	4
Life Members	1
Attendance last meeting	55

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to all the August birthdays and I think you will need good luck in the draw as we have a total of twelve celebrating their day this month.

Randolf Barnes	Rob Chapman
David Clarke	Peter Compton
David Deans	Jim McGrath
John McKenzie	Geoff McNamara
Peter Middlebrook	Graeme Stapelfeldt
Fitz Wentworth	Roger Hodgson

INDUCTIONS

It's also a good month for inductions as we have three new members who wish to sign on.

Firstly, there is Roger Hodgson who lives at Moss Vale with his wife Margaret. Roger was a solicitor in his former life but now prefers golf, bridge, travel, music, film and theatre.

Then we have Steve Floyd who was an accountant working in a charity bank and is now directing his attention to computers, reading and technology in general. We welcome Steve and his wife Angela to the club.

Finally, there is Michael Hissey and his wife Narelle. Michael has a long history in the musical field including teacher, director of music, choral director for community choirs and concert soloist. With that kind of talent its not surprising that he will continue with his interest in choral singing, German,

gardening, walking and the usual house renovations.

You are all very welcome to the club and we hope you will enjoy not only the meetings but also the many social outing that are arranged for members.

COFFEE CLUB

Around 20 members attend last month's coffee club and the discussion and opinions were wide and varied as usual which in itself speaks in favour of the topic which was based around free speech. This month the "brains trust" will reform for coffee on Wednesday, 28th August at around 10am.

There is an interesting innovation being trialled at the coffee club starting with the August meeting. Members attending will be offered the opportunity to be chairman for the following month on a rotation basis. This will allow members to raise topics of interest to them for discussion at the meeting. So if you have a topic and wish to introduce it please let John te Wechel know. John will continue to maintain the role of "overseer" of the club.

To start it off Kevin Ferrari has a topic he will bring to the next meeting which is "climate change and nuclear energy" and Kevin will chair the meeting. Come along and join in.

SPEAKERS

In August Grant Winberg will be the club speaker and will address the meeting on the very current topic, "A layman's pathway to renewable energy in the Wingecarribee". Then after morning tea Warwick Wilson has chosen to speak on the very topical subject "The East Asian drama: Koreas and Japan".

In September we can look forward to club member Brian Collath who will be speaking about the great inventor Alexander Graham Bell and he will be followed by Keith Huxham on a subject yet to be revealed. Keep an eye on the website or the next newsletter for information.

COFFEE AND CHAT FOR LADIES

The coffee and chat for the Probus ladies was well attended once again. The next is Monday 2nd September, 10.00 am at the Bradman Museum. Any queries please email Lyn Dummer at gordon_dummer@bigpond.com or phone/text on 0408408229.

BERKELOUW ANTIQUE BOOKS

Francis reported that A successful function for 25 members and wives was held at the Berkelouw Book Barn hosted by Leo Berkelouw. The main draw card for the function was to meet Leo and hear from him the history of his family and their association with books. The Berkelouws have been involved



with purchase and sales of rare books over 4 generations. In 1944 the family escaped from Nazi detention and came to Australia and re-established their book business. Several books dating back to the 1700 and 1800 were on display for us to view and it was a pleasure to have Leo join us for lunch and entertain us with stories about the business and his notable experiences of meeting an extraordinary range of book collectors both Australian and overseas.



HMAS ALBATROSS (Nowra)

You will recall that the upcoming tour of the Naval Base at Nowra has been fully subscribed and is now closed for bookings.

A couple of reminders for those going on Monday, 12th August so you will enjoy your day. Firstly we will travel by private car on the day and you are asked to be at the Botanic Gardens Car Park on the corner of Old South Road and Kangaloon Road in Bowral by 7:30 am as we are required to be at the base car parking area by 9:00 to receive your security pass and board the bus by 9:30 am

And a final reminder that everybody attending will need to bring their drivers licence with them as proof of identity. **NO LICENCE/PASSPORT – NO ENTRY.**

Enjoy the day out as I am sure you will!

PORT STEPHENS OVERNIGHTER

Here is the program for the Port Stevens Tour but subject to minor adjustments if necessary.

Monday, 21st October

Depart Bowral at 9 am travel to Doyalson RSL Club which is around a 220km drive for lunch at own cost. Doyalson is just a short drive off the main freeway. Leave the RSL about 1.30 for the short drive to Nelson Bay arriving in time to tidy up (if you need it) before we meet in the resort dining room for our traditional happy hour (BYO).

We will have our evening meal in the same dining room but no BYO with dinner as they have a bar on site where you may purchase your drinks.

Tuesday, 22nd October

Today we take the 11.15 am ferry to Tea Gardens where we have a light lunch and time to look at some of the interesting shops and galleries, returning to Nelson Bay around 3.30pm in time to do some shopping or just a wander around the waterfront.

This evening we take a short drive to Soldiers Point for our evening dinner at the Point Restaurant with magnificent views of the sunset.

Wednesday, 23rd October

A late start and a 15-minute drive to the Kookaburra Barramundi Fish Farm/ restaurant. Here we will tour the breeding farm then lunch of Barra and chips. On our return we will stop off at Murray's for a wine tasting and brewery or just have a coffee as you wish.

Tonight, Wednesday all onboard the MoonShadow sunset cruise for a two hour trip with a three course dinner and live dance music. I think the evening cruise will be the highlight of the trip.

Thursday, 24th October

On Thursday on the way home you may choose to visit Fighter Museum Airport. This is located at 49 Medowie Road, Williamtown and has an extensive collection of aircraft on display and an observation platform to see the current fighters landing. Not interested on aircraft? For you there is a café where you can have a social break before setting off for home via Stockton.

The total cost a bit more than first stated but all meals except lunch at the RSL are included in the price. The cost for a couple is \$850 and for a singles \$604. There are thirteen couples and two singles attending.

Please note that the final payment is required by September 12th please and please deduct the deposit you have paid from the total.

I hope you we enjoy another fun and friendly time away. Please direct any enquiries to Gordon on gordon_dummer@bigpond.com or phone/text on 0408408229.

Thank you to Gordon for your comprehensive organization of this trip.

THE MIKADO AT BUNDANOON

Yes, the popular annual trek to Bundanoon for the Gilbert and Sullivan performance is on once again and you are invited to attend with your partner.

Come to see one of the BEST LOVED
Comic Operas of All-Time!

2 SHOWS ONLY!
Saturday
28 September 2019
2pm & 7.30pm

Palm Court Orchestra

Gilbert & Sullivan's
The MIKADO

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operetta

Bundanoon
Soldiers' Memorial Hall
Railway Avenue, Bundanoon

Tickets
ADULTS \$35 CONCESSIONS \$30 CHILD \$15
plus booking fee.

Presented by
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This year we will be treated to the much loved operetta "The Mikado" with the Palm Court Orchestra providing the accompaniment in the Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall right in the main street of Bundanoon.

Of course, the day would not be complete without a visit to the Bundanoon Hotel for lunch in their traditional dining area.

This event will take place on Saturday, 28th September and will start with lunch at midday at the Bundanoon Hotel and then we walk across the railway line to the hall for the performance at 2 pm. Only forty of the best seats have been reserved so if you wish to attend this day out, the cost is \$30 per person and payment may be made in the usual way.

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.

Please, if you are paying cash to the treasurer place the money in an envelope before giving it to him and if you pay by direct deposit be sure to include your name so we know you are coming along.

Thanks to Allen Broome who has again volunteered to organize this event. Please direct any enquiries to Alan by phone at 4862 2228 or email him at broomea@me.com

WATCH OUT FOR SCAMMERS

Every day we hear stories of new ways for scammers to relieve us of our money. Not only on the internet but also by unsolicited telephone calls and even personal visits to our homes.

According to research by Norton Lifelock by Symantec, older Australians are vigilant about monitoring their bank accounts for fraud, checking their bank accounts once a week.

But there can be other ways that seniors are leaving themselves wide open to being preyed upon by cybercriminals. For instance, they may neglect to install security software on their smartphones or send sensitive information over unsecure networks.

So how can you best protect your money and personal data from scammers at tax time?

Be cautious of emails, texts and phone-calls claiming to be representing the ATO.

All online management of your tax affairs should be carried out in ATO online services accessed via your genuine myGov account. You can make accessing those services more secure by updating your sign-in options at my.gov.au so you receive a code by SMS when signing in.

If you're not sure about the veracity of any communication purporting to be from the ATO, call the ATO directly on 1800 008 540.

Use the security software on your computer and back up regularly.

Be sure your computer is fully patched and up-to-date.

Look for misleading signals in an email and never open attachments if you are uncertain about the source of the email.

Know the status of your tax affairs and your accounts.

If you're filing your taxes online, use a secure Wi-Fi connection or a VPN.

Keep print materials secure.

Renew your security subscription.

Gone are the days when you didn't need to be wary all the time and life was less complicated!

Did you hear about the mathematician who's afraid of negative numbers? He'll stop at nothing to avoid them.