



Probus Club of Moss Vale Inc.  
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Welcome to all members and their wives as I know some of the ladies like to read this as well. I hope you are all healthy and coping with the social restrictions we live with at present.

Firstly, I would like to thank those that have contributed to this edition of the Coffee Club and Newsletter. For those who have missed listening to our guest speakers at the monthly meetings we have a special feature contributed by Frank Conroy for which I thank him very much.

I do, however, need to issue a word of warning before you read this current edition of the coffee news. Go ahead and make your coffee but I have put Richard Miall's contribution on the last page so finish your coffee before you read the article. You have been warned!

#### **ANONYMOUS**

I can understand why the member who contributed this wished to remain anonymous ....

*My wife said to me last night, "You never listen to anything that I say to you!"*

*I thought, "That's a very strange way to start a conversation!"*

#### **WHEN WILL WE MEET AGAIN?**

That is the question the committee considered at its phone link up last week and the answer is we don't know. As the situation changes constantly and until everything stabilises the committee cannot make any firm decisions particularly as they are aware that our members are in the high-risk category and their safety is our prime concern.

There will be no general meeting or coffee club anytime soon. July is a remote possibility, but the situation will be regularly reviewed by you committee and you will most certainly be informed immediately a firm decision is agreed.

#### **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**

The production of the 2020-21 edition of the Membership Directory is going ahead and this year there will be a slight change. Instead of the publication being handed out at meeting it will be printed and then posted to you directly when completed. So watch out for it in the mail.

The details in it are as we have them in our records and will show all current financial members of the club as well as who to contact on the current committee with your enquiries. The details are as we have been informed by you so if there are any

changes please let us know but they will not appear until the publication of next year's edition.

The directory contains individual member information that could be invaluable to scammers so please respect your fellow members privacy and destroy last year's edition thoughtfully.

#### **MEDICAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK.**

Peter Dewey sent this short quote he found in a recent medical magazine for us to share about the inspiring response of our medical staff.

A doctor exhorting his staff to let their normal compassion for their patients show through all their personal protective equipment said, *"Make your eyes dance, your voice sing, your body show caring through simple gestures of a thumbs-up, a pat on the shoulder or a little wave - even through your blue gloved hand"*.

#### **BEECHWORTH REVISITED**



As previously notified, arrangements are in hand for our return to Beechworth on 12<sup>th</sup> October this year provided the situation continues to improve at a rapid rate as it had lately. A call for an indication of members who would like to attend has already attracted 26 participants so if you would like to attend at this stage please let Gordon know via email at [gordon\\_dummer@bigpond.com](mailto:gordon_dummer@bigpond.com) or phone/text on 0418343556.

Beechworth is a particularly interesting place to visit with its vintage shop fronts and picturesque countryside. The organisers are planning to visit and participate in many new activities and I personally hope we are able to stay in the attractive and atmospheric accommodation we stayed in on our last visit. We will be visiting a variety of local towns and attraction and most importantly the social gathering of these outings will play an important part in the enjoyment of the experiences.

No payments or definite arrangements regarding the itinerary can be confirmed until the lockdown

restrictions are completely lifted, and we are satisfied that the situation is safe enough to proceed. You will be notified of these when appropriate but for now it is just an indication.

### SHOALHAVEN CRUISE AND LUNCHEON

We have not forgotten the people who paid for this great day out. You will remember that the cruise was postponed at the last minute due to the virus situation and it will be rescheduled as soon as possible but at this stage probably not before the spring weather returns. The cruise was fully booked and there are currently no vacancies for additional bookings. If these do become available, they will be advertised in the newsletter.

### A REPRINTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

Following my request for places to get good take away and/or delivered meals I received several recommendations in addition to the ones listed on the community radio site. Thank you to the people who replied.

Community Radio List - [CLICK HERE](#)  
Shaggy Cow Mittagong - [CLICK HERE](#)  
Glass Café - Mittagong - [CLICK HERE](#)  
Kookabar - Bowral - 4861 5172  
Eschallot - Berima - [CLICK HERE](#)  
Bowral Asian Cuisine - 4811 1857  
Jack Thai - Bowral - 0421 746 416

### THE CONROY CONVERSATIONS

Club member, Frank Conroy worked as a volunteer for local community radio, Highland FM 107.1, for several years following his move to the Southern Highlands in both administration and presenting. As on-air announcer he interviewed several notable community members community. Whilst these interviews took place some 12 years ago, they still provide an interesting insight into the background of many local people.

Our first conversation is with John B Fairfax. The Fairfax family lost control of their media company in 1987 and following the split John invested successfully in the Rural Press media. This continued the Fairfax name prominent in the reporting and printing industry.

John was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in 1994. His work in fostering the careers of young people in rural and regional Australia and his philanthropic work has been widely acknowledged. He was honoured for his service to the print media industry in rural, community and remote areas.



So, turn your speakers on and listen to the first of the interviews [CLICK HERE](#).

### Love will find a way

So we have to keep a distance  
No more hugs or shaking hands  
It's the government's insistence  
We're locked down through all the land

We must practice isolation  
Keep two metres far apart  
From our friends and our relations  
Held with love deep in our hearts

But there's light beyond the tunnel  
And one day the morn will break  
When just simply having fun'll  
Be within our grasp to take

Oh! We Aussies love complaining  
But we also have great heart  
We will face the days remaining  
We'll be ready to re-start

For we know that we can take it  
When the tough times dish it out  
We've a spirit they can't break it  
We'll pull through, don't ever doubt

Even if the road is longer  
'til this present danger ends  
We will come out even stronger  
With our families and our friends

And the Virus cannot bend us  
As it's lethal fire it sends  
For its love that will defend us  
Love of family and of friends

Arthur E Delbridge AM 2020

### COFFEE ANYONE?

Richard Miall informs me that his business career at one stage included the selling coffee beans worldwide and the following is a letter of complaint, from a German client with limited English skills.

Chentlemens,

*Der last two pecketches ve got from you of coffee vas mit rattschmidt gemixt.*

*Der coffee may be gute enuff, bet der ratt durds schpoils der trade. Ve di not see der rattschidt in der samples vich you sent us.*

*It takes so much time to pik der ratt durds from der coffee, dat its hardle wurt it. Ve order der coffee clean unt you schipt mit it. It vas mistake ya? Ve like you to schipt us der coffee in vun sack, unt der schidt in annudder - ven ve mix it to suit der customer.*

*Vite blease if ve schoudt schip der schidt bek, und keep der coffee, or if ve should keep der schidt und schip der coffee bek, or schip der schole shidden vorks bek.*

*Ve vant to do right in dis madder, but ve don't like all dis rattschidt business.*

*Mitt much respect  
Fritz Schimmelpfeng*