



PROBUS NEWSLETTER

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Malcolm Stephens CB

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WHAT'S ON

10 th December	Christmas Party
7 th January	Committee Meeting
14 th January	General Meeting
22 nd January	Coffee Morning at Eling Forest
30 th January	Men's Coffee at Bradman
4 th February	Committee Meeting
11 th February	General Meeting
18 th February	BBQ Fitzroy Falls Picnic Area
24 th February	Coffee Club

Hello and welcome to our post-Covid world! Those among you who are observant will have noticed the return of "What's On" which is quite significant as it marks a new year and a new beginning. Some of the old regulars are returning and there are a few new initiatives as well. We hope that you will come along and enjoy these activities so we can start to regenerate the fun, friendship and fellowship we enjoyed in the club twelve months ago.

GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting and the first for 2021 will be held on Thursday, 14th January at the RSL CLUB in the Alexander Room at 10am. You will be familiar with this as it is exactly the same as our previous arrangements. We will have a club speaker and a guest speaker (yet to be announced) along with our social chatting time over a cup of tea and you are of course invited to have a light lunch in the Bistro afterwards if you choose.

We are looking for a big turnout for the first meeting of the new year and the first meeting for a long time.

VALE DAVID RAINES

Sadly, we lost one of our long-time members this month when David Raines passed away last week. David had been a member of Moss Vale Probus, having joined the club in August, 1993. He enjoyed coming to our meetings and was also a member of a Probus Club in Bexley. His love of country music meant that he was a regular visitor at the annual Country Music Festival in Tamworth.

Our sympathy is extended to his family and his friends.

ANNUAL FEES

As we had few meetings and thus lower expenses the committee is in a position to be able to reduce

the annual fee for this year to only \$20. Members are requested to please pay this no later than 31st March when our books close. Payments may be made in your usual way as noted elsewhere in the newsletter.

The fee for new members will remain at \$40 nomination fee which covers badges, registration etc plus a \$40 membership fee which reduces depending on the date of joining.

The \$5 morning tea fee at general meetings will remain as is and can be paid at the Welcome Table at the door at each meeting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

It's December and we have another batch of birthdays and another bottle of wine for the lucky draw winner. President Malcolm informs me that all the bottles previously announced since March will be presented at the general meeting in January as well as this month's winner who is David Simmonds.

The December happy birthdays are

John Dash Nick Locke
Kaye Lush Tom May
David Simmonds Grant Winberg
John McCullagh

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Bookings have closed for the Christmas Party.

Those attending will receive a short summary of the few Covid requirements we still have to observe. As you would know, they are gradually easing and are changing from week to week but we seek your co-operation in completing these for your safety as well as other members of the club.

The function will be held in the Camellia Room and you are asked to arrive between 11:45 and 12 noon where you will be met at the door by a committee member who will assist you with arrangements.

Please make sure that you familiarise yourselves with the procedures outlined in the separate document which has been sent to participants only.

COFFEE CLUB

The regular men's Coffee Club will reconvene in the new year with exactly the same arrangements and format as previously. So, we will meet on the

last Wednesday of the month, 30th January, 2021 at 10 am in the Lower Pavilion Room at Bradman Oval.

I am sure that you are all looking forward to this popular social gathering as I am!

ELING FOREST



Members and their wives are invited along to a special coffee and cake morning tea at the lovely Eling Forest Café and Winery. This

will be held on Tuesday, 22nd January at 10am. The cost is \$15 per person and for that you will get a coffee or tea and a generous slice of cake or scone, jam and cream. I have tried it and it comes highly recommended and is in a lovely setting.

Those who would like to taste or buy wine at the cellar door are welcome to do so.

The Eling Forest Winery Café is located on the left side of the Hume Highway heading south so the best and safest way to access it is to enter the Hume Highway at the Berrima on ramp heading south and then turn left into the café. It is well sign-posted and is located just short of the Illawarra Highway exit ramp.

Please book and pay by your preferred method.

BBQ

Keep Thursday, 25th February free for our previously cancelled barbecue lunch.



Weather permitting, we will be meeting at the Fitzroy Falls Picnic Area (just past the National Park

entrance) for morning tea around 10am and then lunch around 12 noon. The park is well equipped with several electric barbecues, a sink with boiling water for tea/coffee and plenty of tables and seating. The seating is bench style seating so if this does not suit you are welcome to bring your own.

In fact, it is a bring-your-own-everything day so bring whatever you would like to eat or drink but most of all come along and enjoy the day with your fellow Probus members. We had many bookings for the cancelled barbecue, so we are looking forward to a big crowd.

There is no cost for this day and more information will be published in the next couple of newsletters.

PAYMENTS

Members are reminded that the preferred method of payment is via direct debit online into the club's bank account making sure that you enter your name as this also serves as our bookings list. Cheques should be posted to the club's PO Box and

cash should be placed in an envelope and handed to the treasurer at a meeting with your name clearly on the front.

All these will assist in the organisation of our activities.

PAYMENT DETAILS	
Online	Probus club of Moss Vale BSB 032723 Account 750434 Identify payment with your name.
Cheque	Probus Club of Moss Vale PO BOX 456, MOSS VALE, 2577
Cash	In an envelope to the treasurer and identify payment with your name



As the unforgettable year of 2020 draws to an end I have heard many people say that they will be glad to see the back end of this year. As a nation we have endured drought, devastating bushfires, a continuing global pandemic as well as many individual person tragedies.

The time has come to put these behind us and look forward with vigour and determination to a new year and to start enjoying an active life once again.

On behalf of the committee, I wish you and your family a safe and merry Christmas and may the new year bring you joy and happiness.

CHRISTMAS MOVIES



Many of you subscribe to Netflix and other streaming platforms. If you want to start getting a little Christmas spirit stirring how about watching some of the Christmas themed movies. PS Many make great entertainment for grandkids too!

These are just some of those available

- Christmas Wonderland
- A Christmas Prince
- The Christmas Chronicles 2
- Christmas Inheritance
- The Polar Express
- A Wish for Christmas or
- Christmas Made to Order.

There are literally dozens on the Netflix channel and no doubt of other providers as for you to enjoy.

CHRISTMAS ONE-LINER
How do you know when Santa's in the room?
You can sense his presents.