



PROBUS NEWSLETTER

February 2021

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PRESIDENT
Malcolm Stephens CB

SECRETARY
Jim McGrath

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WHAT'S ON

11 th February	General Meeting- Ladies Day
18 th February	BBQ Fitzroy Falls Picnic Area
24 th February	Men's Coffee @ Bradman
1 st March	Ladies' Coffee @ Bradman
4 th March	Committee Meeting
11 th March	General Meeting
11 th March	Changeover Dinner
31 st March	Last chance - pay Annual Fees

GENERAL MEETING

It was very pleasing to catch-up with so many members at the resumption of monthly general meetings in January. There were forty at the meeting which went smoothly under President Malcolm at his first meeting since taking over as president in March last year!

We encourage all members come along and join in at the February meeting. **February Meeting is a Ladies Day as our speaker will be of particular interest to all readers of the Jane Austen classics.**

Check-in is the same as you find everywhere now so it is no problem. If you are not a member of the RSL Club then you are required to register that also.

Looking forward to seeing you there on Thursday!

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IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL OR HAVE SYMPTOMS SUCH AS COUGH, SORE THROAT OR HIGH TEMPERATURE PLEASE RESPECT THE SAFETY OF OTHER MEMBERS AND DO NOT ATTEND ANY PROBUS EVENT UNTIL THE SYMPTOMS HAVE EASED AND YOU HAVE A NEGATIVE TEST RESULT.

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ANNUAL FEES

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

Your annual membership fee is now due and your early payment would be appreciated. The annual fee this year has been reduced to \$20 due to the extended break during the Covid lockdown or lockup (whichever way you view it). Membership of Probus

lapses for any member who has not paid the annual membership fee by 31st March, 2021.

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.

INDUCTION

At this February meeting we will be inducting Stephen Blackman into our club. After a previous life in natural resources and neuroscience, Stephen and his wife Alexandra are settled in Exeter where Stephen hopes to follow his interests in gardening and lapidary. Please welcome Stephen to the club.

Also joining is John Elvy who leaves behind a long career in management and hopes to swap it for travel, tennis and golf. We welcome John and his wife Judy to the club.

NOTICE OF MOTION

As previously notified, the following Notice of Motion will be discussed and voted upon at the February General Meeting.

The Motion ... "That this General Meeting of Probus Moss Vale confirms the recommendation unanimously passed by the Committee at their Meeting of 7th January 2021 that the term of the 2020 President Malcolm Stephens CB., be extended for a further year, due to special circumstances in compliance with Clause 4, Section a) of the Constitution."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to all these members who are celebrating their birthday in February!

Richard Miall John Maffey
Brian Pemberton Geoff MacBean
Michael Hissey John Deck

Congratulations Richard Miall on celebrating another birthday milestone.

SPEAKERS

In **February we have a Ladies' Day.** Our club speaker, Alan Wigzell with "Memories of the Mining Boom". Our guest speaker will be the interesting Wal Walker who will be talking about his book "Jane and Darcy". Wal Walker, a descendant of Darcy, tells his family story of the enduring romance between

Jane (Austen) and Darcy, lifting the veil of secrecy that has hidden their love story.

March Meeting speaker yet to be advised.

COFFEE CLUB

There was a good roll up for coffee in January. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 24th February at 10 am at Bradman Cafe for our friendly coffee and chat. Please order and sign-in at the café before joining the group.

LADIES' COFFEE@BRADMAN

January gathering was well attended, and the ladies meet again on Monday, 1st March at the Bradman Museum Café and all ladies will be welcomed at this social gathering. Please phone/text Lyn on 0408408229 to let her know you are coming.

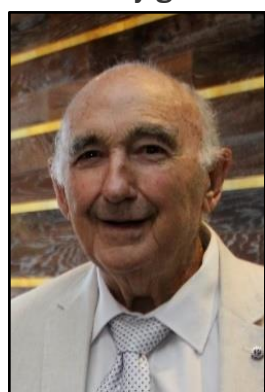
ELING FOREST



A large gathering of members and wives turned out for the first function of the year and as you can see from the photograph, the day was enjoyed by all.

LIFE MEMBERS

We were privileged last meeting to induct not one but two life members of our club and to recognize the time and energy these two members have voluntarily given to the club and its members.



Firstly, we had Gordon Dummer whose friendly and welcoming manner makes him a popular member of the club. He joined the club in March 2009 and was soon on the committee and heavily involved in organising activities, a position he continues to hold today. This has seen the club have short breaks in such places as Beechworth, Bathurst and West Wyalong as well as day trips to a multitude of places of interest. All thoroughly enjoyed by members.



Then we inducted Francis de Beaujeu who also has been in the club for many years and is known for his quiet, friendly and caring manner. He joined

the club in May 2008 and he too soon joined the committee and undertook with expertise and dedication multiple positions on the organising committee including secretary and treasurer each for several years and was responsible for organisation of events such as the Christmas Parties and Annual Club Dinner.

We thank them both for their services to the club.

BBQ

The Picnic BBQ is set to go on Thursday, 18th February. 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.

CHANGEOVER DINNER

Bookings are open for members and their wives to attend the Annual Changeover Dinner. This year it is at the Mittagong RSL in the Alexandra Room on Thursday, 11th March at 6:00pm for 6:30. A special dinner of Battered Whiting or Baked Chicken and Apple Crumble or fruit salad and ice-cream alternate drop has been arranged. Tea or coffee also available. Other drinks available at the bar at your own expense.

Book now or as soon as possible as numbers are limited to sixty. Book in the usual way before Monday, 1st March as booking close that day.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

It is that time of year again when we call for nominations for election to the committee but as last year was such an unusual year most of last year's committee are standing for re-election this year in the hope that the club will be fully functional and unlike last year, they will have the opportunity to carry out the duties.

This does not mean we are not looking for members interested in being a new member of the committee so if you would like to nominate please obtain a nomination form from the secretary and submit it prior to the Annual Meeting in March.

A WORD ABOUT PAYMENTS

We are trying to streamline the bottleneck at the Welcome Table each meeting. Please bring the correct change for your tea/coffee and notes please not coins. For other payments such as membership or tours where possible please pay via bank deposit or at least put your payment in an envelope with your name on it and marked with the payment details before handing it to the treasurer.

Please make sure your name is on all payments.