



# PROBUS NEWSLETTER

## March 2022

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### WHAT'S ON

10 <sup>th</sup> March	Annual General Meeting
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Changeover Dinner
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Coffee Club
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Committee Meeting
14 <sup>th</sup> April	General Meeting

### ANNUAL MEETING

A reminder that the Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March at the Mittagong RSL Club start in 10 am. All members are urged to attend this meeting for the induction of the new committee for the forthcoming year, the presentation of the annual report and financial statement for the year.

The Probus Moss vale Annual Report will be available at the welcome desk on Thursday at the Annual General meeting. It will also be made available online for those who could not attend the meeting later that day and a link will be sent to those with email and included with the newsletter for those who receive their newsletter by post.

### CHANGEOVER DINNER

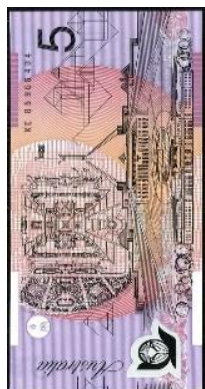
The annual meeting will be followed in the evening by the Changeover Dinner but bookings have now closed for this event.

The Changeover Dinner this year will be held in the Alexander Room at the Mittagong RSL Club on Thursday evening, 10<sup>th</sup> March starting at 6 for 6:30 pm. The dinner will be a two-course meal and the cost is \$45 payable to the club by your usual method (direct deposit preferred). Drinks will be available at your own expense. Bookings are closed.

### MEETING MORNING TEA PAYMENT

Most members assisted by paying for their morning tea with a \$5 note in February. Those who didn't, would you please try to do so in the future so that it can reduce the accounting processes and give the welcome table a chance to get into the meeting as soon as possible.

While we are talking about morning tea, if you bring a guest along or your partner on ladies' day would you please register them with the membership secretary at



the welcome desk even if they are having coffee downstairs and come along for the guest speaker after the break as is often the case. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### ANNUAL FEES

Another reminder that your annual membership fee is now payable and must be paid by 31<sup>st</sup> March to continue your membership of Moss Vale Probus Club. The fee set by the committee for 2022 is \$40 per member. This may be paid to the treasurer by your usual method (bank deposit preferred) but please ensure that your name is attached to the payment. Those paying in cash or cheque please place your payment in an envelope with your name on the front.

### REMINDER

Along with your membership of the Probus Club there is also the renewal of your membership of the Mittagong RSI Club where we hold our meetings. You are not obliged to be a member of the RSL Club but it does remove the requirement to sign in every time and does allow you discounts on bistro meals, drinks, coffee and other services. A bargain for just a few dollars per year.

### COFFEE CLUB

Disappointingly, attendances at the Coffee Club have dropped but we are looking forward to members gradually returning as the Covid risk reduces and it is relatively safe to venture out.

So, this month, coffee club meeting will convene to be held at our new regular venue at the Bowral Bowling Club in Shepherd Street. Commencing around 10am on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March, you are invited to come along and enjoy a coffee and the discussion. All members are welcome, and we encourage you to come along as the more we have the more interesting the discussion.

### MEMBERSHIP BOOKLET 2022-23

It is also that time of year when we publish the new membership booklet, and we make the annual plea for members to check their entry and to make sure that it is correct. Now is the time to tell, not a week after it is published. Please notify the membership secretary, Michael Hissey or send an email to the club email address at [probusmossvale@gmail.com](mailto:probusmossvale@gmail.com) with your changes. Now would be a good time!

**SPEAKER THIS MONTH**

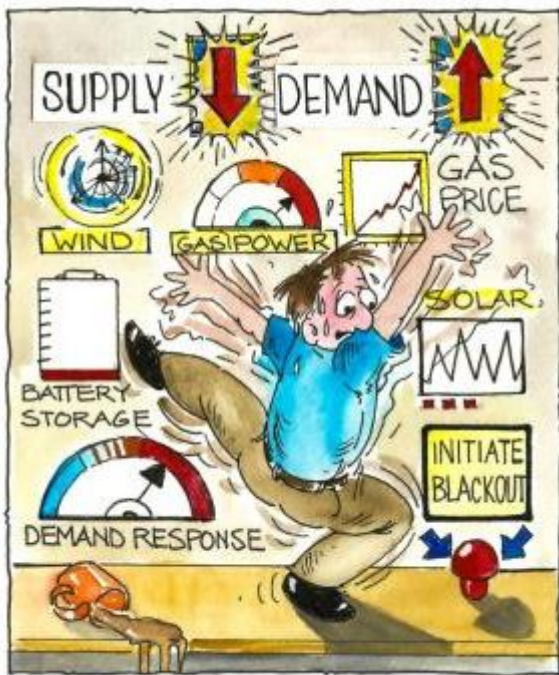
Firstly, I would like to thank our speaker organiser, Geoff MacBean, for the entertaining and knowledgeable speakers we were treated to last month. Michael Ellis with his history of the Southern Highlands captured a graphic picture of our area in the years gone by and the entertaining and indeed hilarious presentation of Tina McPherson’s story of her pathway to a women’s baggy green. It captured everyone’s imagination and we were happy to have so many ladies attend to enjoy this story.

Now this month. As it is the Annual general Meeting this month, we will not be having our usual club speaker in the session prior to morning tea so that we can deal with the requirements of the annual meeting.

However, after our break Robert Parker from the Nuclear for Climate organisation will address the meeting with his topic, “Nuclear Energy - Australia’s Secure Energy and Climate Solution”. Robert will present his analysis as he explores the economics of this energy mix and examines actual nuclear power plant options. We will look at what we could build, how long and possible suitable locations.

Whilst energy security is being endlessly debated

**“CONTROL ROOM – POWER GRID OPERATIONS”**



“CURRENT ISP PLAN ≈ 2030

and nuclear energy is always controversial is it the answer to our needs?

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

There are eight members’ birthdays to celebrate this month and we wish them a very happy day and many more to come as well as good luck in the monthly bottle of celebratory wine draw.

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| Bruce Windybank  | Les Lenny    |
| Richard Cant     | William Lane |
| Piero Dal Bianco | Ian Farquhar |
| Tom Currie       | Sid Downie   |

**RETFORD PARK GUIDED TOUR**

Twenty-five brave souls ventured out in the freezing conditions at Retford Park to participate in the National Trust tour of the property and all agreed that with the knowledgeable guides it was a fantastic and informative tour even if it was too cold for the garden tour.

The interior and the furnishings of the building were amazing particularly the quality of the furniture as in this photo of the dining room.

Perhaps we can return in spring to really



appreciate the surrounding gardens.

**CLUB SURVEY 2022**

The survey is just about ready to distribute. For most of you it will be available to be completed online and for the few without internet it will be posted to you. As mentioned, before it should five minutes or less to fill out and return online so there will be not printing needed. What could be easier?

Please bring any matters you would like considered to the attention of a committee member. We would particularly appreciate ideas for outings and events as well as improvements for our current activities.

**SPEAKERS NEEDED**

All members have a variety of experiences and interests, and we would really like to hear about them in our guest speaker spot at the general meetings. So don’t hang back and hope that somebody else will entertain you, let’s hear from you! Contact Geoff MacBean on 0438 789193.

**WELFARE**

Members are requested to let our Welfare Secretary know if they hear of a members admitted to hospital or other circumstances where we may be of support. Welfare contact is John te Wechel on 0451 678780

**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