



## NEWSLETTER October 2024

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### WHAT'S ON

October	PROBUS MONTH
10 <sup>th</sup> October	General Meeting Partners' Day
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Morning Tea at Eling (Closing)
30 <sup>th</sup> October	Men's Coffee Club
30 <sup>th</sup> October	Ladies' Coffee
7 <sup>th</sup> November	General Meeting
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Committee Meeting
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Men's Coffee Club
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Ladies' Coffee
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Luncheon
December	No Coffee Club
January	Ngununggula - Archibald Prize

### OCTOBER PARTNERS' DAY

We welcome partners to the general meeting on 10th October to hear our special guest speaker Ross Coulthart, a journalist who has explored the subject of UFOs in depth. He reported the USA Office of National Intelligence said that despite denying their existence for 70 years, they now acknowledge that they are a risk to flight safety and to national security. You really need to hear more! No need to book ~ just come along on Thursday and perhaps stay for lunch in the Fitzroy Room afterwards!

Also addressing the club will be Graham Warner with a talk entitled, "No Doesn't Always Mean No!"

### QUESTION?

The question has been asked, "What is the club dress code for general meetings?"

The short answer is .... There is none!

The longer answer is .... Coats and ties are not essential, and you are in fact free to attend dressed in smart casual and appropriate clothing eg. according to the weather, your personal taste and within the rules of the RSL Club.

A further question you might consider is, "Does the formal coat and tie attire put off younger members from joining the club?"

When the club was formed the name Probus stood for "professional and business" club and coat and tie were standard in those days, but dress codes are now far less formal, and our membership has been opened to members of "any worthy occupation". The younger prospective members we would like to attract have grown up in a more relaxed atmosphere. So, what do you think?

**In the meantime, come along in what you are comfortable wearing but most of all just please come along!**

### MORNING TEA

Two years ago, the morning tea payment was lumped together with your annual membership payment at a heavily discounted rate. A recent review of the budget showed that during the current year we operated this at a loss, due to a pleasing average increase in attendance at meetings throughout the year.

The committee has therefore decided to increase the morning tea contribution to a still discounted \$40 for 2025 while keeping the membership fee the same as it has been for many years at \$40. Joining fees for new members will also remain the same.

**Don't pay now as it is not due until 2025.**

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October always seems to have the fewest birthdays of any month, and this October is no exception with only three. But we wish these members a just as big happy birthday and good luck in the luck with the cards in the birthday raffle.

*Rupert Edwards Michael Ellis Ross Parker*

### CURRENT CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	66
Non-Active Members	8
Total Members	74

Congratulations to John Deck (currently on the non-active list) who joined the club in October 2014 and clocks up 10 years membership.

We set a bit of a record for attendance for this year in September with almost 70% of active members attending. The speakers at this meeting were, I am sure you will all agree, excellent.

### FINANCE

Opening Balance September 1	\$2758.78
Closing Balance September 30	\$2069.28
Funds on Hold (Tours etc)	\$677.10
Current Net Balance	\$1391.98

### COFFEE CLUB

The popular coffee and chat we call Coffee Club is on again this month on, Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October at the Bowling Club at 10am. All members are welcome to come along. The ladies' coffee also

meets on the same day at Annesley, let Jennifer know you are coming. 0425 236 295

### THE SEARCH HAS STARTED

Yes, with some key personnel leaving the committee in 2025, after many years of valuable service, we are starting to look for members who might be interested (or persuaded) in joining the happy throng that forms the committee. If you would like to volunteer for one of these positions or just find out what we do, we would love to hear from you.

The work of the committee is vital to the successful and smooth operation of your club. The responsibilities of a committee members are not onerous or too time consuming and there is plenty of support on offer. We are looking for a range of talents to fill various positions.

So, give it a thought and when you decide to help, contact John Elvy on 0414 255 770.

### G&S AT BUNDANOON



A theatre party from Moss Vale Men's Probus Club recently took in a matinee performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's timeless classic 'HMS Pinafore'. The performance took place in the historic Bundanoon Hall an historic gem itself which lent a British Empire 'feel' to the performance It was just like stepping back to the 1920's. Perfection!

### CANBERRA OVERNIGHTER



Our overnighter to Canberra proved successful with participants travelling down separately in private cars and stopping off to look at Tulip Tops or Floriade before gathering at the hotel in the bar for a social chat and drink later. We then moved on to

an Italian restaurant just down the street for a nice meal in pleasant surroundings.

After selecting from a huge variety of food available for breakfast we then split into two groups with one moving on to Tidbinbilla and the other to see the Gauguin Exhibition at the art gallery.

### ELING FOREST MORNING TEA

#### *Last chance to book!*

This is your last chance to book for morning tea at the Eling Forest Café as bookings will close on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, the day of the meeting. Come along and join us for a nice tea/coffee and chat. Here are the full details. The cost of \$15 is a bargain and will cover your tea/coffee and includes a scone, slice of cake or a muffin.

Where: Eling Forest Café

When: 10 am Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2024

Travel by private car – sharing encouraged.

Cost: \$15 per person

Bring your partner along or perhaps a friend or two!

1. To book [CLICK HERE!](#) And then
2. Make your payment into the club account by your preferred means. It is important that you do both these steps so we can track attendance and payments details.
3. Bookings close Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> October.

### CHRISTMAS IN DECEMBER



Bookings are now open for members and partners for our annual Christmas luncheon.

It will be held on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December upstairs at the Mittagong RSL. Please arrive 12 noon for 12.30 start.

There will be a three-course meal with alternate drop. Entrée is prawn and avocado salad or spicy buffalo wings with tartare sauce. For our mains we will be offered Yule Tide Roast (turkey/ham/pork) or chicken supreme (brie and cranberry sauce) and for dessert there will be traditional Christmas pudding or chocolate and raspberry Cheesecake

Drinks are at your own additional expense.

Cost: \$62 per person

1. To book at [CLICK HERE!](#) and then
2. Make your payment into the club account by your preferred means. It is important that you do both these steps so we can track attendance and payments details.
3. Bookings close Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

We would love to see a big crowd at this end of year celebration!

### HOW TO MAKE PAYMENTS

#### ONLINE (Preferred)

BSB 032723 ACCOUNT 750434

Please identify your payment with your name.

#### CASH

Directly at a meeting.