



## NEWSLETTER

### February 2025

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#### WHAT'S ON

13 <sup>th</sup> February	General Meeting
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Committee Nominations Close
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Men's Coffee.
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Ladies' Coffee
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Committee Meeting
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Annual General Meeting
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Men's Coffee Club
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Mayfield Gardens
July	National Braille Music Concert

#### NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Members are notified that the Annual General meeting of the Moss Vale Men's Probus Club will take place on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 10am in the Alexandra Room at the Mittagong RSL Club. All members are invited to attend.

Please note that nominations for the 2025-26 committee close this Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> February with the secretary.

#### BOOKING COSTS

Members are notified that an additional charge of \$2 is to be added to the cost of all functions and events arranged by the club. This is to cover the cost of the booking fees, GST, tolls etc that have been added to our bookings but not included by the venue or booking agencies in their advertised price.

#### MEMBERSHIP FEES

Before you go any further, please check if you have already paid your membership fees and if you have go, to the next article in the newsletter. All others read on.

Membership fees are due to be paid not later than 31<sup>st</sup> March but let's not delay that long and it would assist greatly if you paid these fees now.

The membership fee remains the same as in previous years at \$40 plus we ask active members to pay for their morning teas for the whole year in advance at a cost of \$40 also. Making a total for the

year of \$80 for active members and a total for non-active members of \$40 to be paid into the club account by your usual method. Please ensure you identify your payment with your name to make our treasurer's life a little easier!

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We celebrate not one but two special birthdays this month! Both John Maffey and Brian Pemberton celebrate their 90<sup>th</sup> birthday! Well done both of you, and enjoy this notable milestone as you were born on exactly the same day!

John Maffey	Brian Pemberton
Richard Miall	Geoff MacBean
John Elvy	Ross Meredith
Mike McLaren	Michael Hissey

Happy birthday boys and the best of luck in the draw.

#### FEBRUARY SPEAKERS

At our February meeting we will be treated to a talk claiming "Gliding – The only way to fly!" by Gerry Power. He will be followed by David Coultard who will relate stories of his "Life in Film and TV".

#### CLUB FINANCES

Opening balance 1 <sup>st</sup> January	\$3831.68
Closing balance 31 <sup>st</sup> January	\$4068.95
Outstanding transactions	\$1846.00
Balance	\$2222.95

#### CURRENT CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	65
Non-Active Members	7
Total Members	72

#### WELFARE

Can't make it to a meeting because of your health? Lonely and need a visit from someone? Need transport to and from the meetings?

Part of the work of your committee is the welfare of club members and Malcolm Stephens currently fulfils this role. If you need help or know of a member who is reluctant to ask for help let us know.

Contact Malcolm Stephens on 0475 436 470

#### INDUCTIONS

I am pleased to announce we have three inductees at this meeting. Would you introduce yourself and welcome them as soon as you can.

Firstly, Terry Rice (partner Linda) is joining our club after an engineering and aviation career and will be having fun with car clubs and cruising in his retirement.

Our second new member is Roy Ward who has tackled a variety of jobs in his career including draughtsman, publican, hotel manager and recruitment. When his back improves, he wants to get back to tennis and golf.

Richard Barnett is our third induction, and we hope to see him and his partner Sue along on our outings. Richard's career was in plastic surgery, but he is now planning golf, cooking and travel.

### **COMMITTEE 2025-26**

A new committee for the forthcoming year will be inducted at the March General Meeting. Currently, we have received the following nominations:

President: John Milhinch  
Vice President: Chris Young  
Past President: John Elvy  
Secretary: Chris Young  
Treasurer: Grant Winberg  
Speakers: John Elvy  
Membership: Mike Hissey & Lloyd Miller  
Tours: John Elvy & Marty Flaxman  
Functions: Jim McGrath  
Welfare: John te Wechel  
Newsletter/Website: Bruce Pearson  
Auditor: Frank Conroy

To nominate to contest any of these positions please contact the secretary by 13<sup>th</sup> February.

### **MEN'S COFFEE CLUB**

the Bowral Bowling Club at 10am on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February. All members are welcome to attend and participate in discussions.

### **CIRQUE DU SOLEIL**



A couple of photos from our recent visit to the spectacular Cirque du Soleil.



### **MAYFIELD GARDENS AND ABERCROMBIE HOUSE.**

Experience the enchantment of Mayfield Garden in Oberon—a hidden gem of beauty and tranquility nestled in the heart of New South Wales. Sprawling

across 160 acres, Mayfield Garden promises an unforgettable escape into a world of lush landscapes, vibrant blooms, and meticulously designed gardens.

Discover the charm of each season as you wander through the exquisite Water Garden, complete with cascading waterfalls, serene lakes, and tranquil ponds. Marvel at the stunning views from the English Box Hedge Maze and embrace the serenity of the Glasshouse, filled with a tropical wonderland of exotic plants. For the adventurous, explore the winding paths of the Obelisk Pond and take in the breathtaking vistas from the iconic Waterfall Deck.

This tour is open to both members, their partners and guests. The visit will include Mayfield Gardens, Abercrombie House and a restaurant dinner on Monday night.

Travel will be by private car and car sharing is encouraged.

The brief details are:-

- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March to Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April
  - Travel by private car – sharing suggested.
  - Mayfield Garden and Abercrombie House
  - Bathurst Region
  - One night in a motel
  - Motel \$175 to be paid individually at motel.
  - Entry to Mayfield Gardens/Abercrombie House and Thai Restaurant – Couples \$198 Singles \$100. Please deduct deposit when paying.
  - Balance to be paid by Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> March.
  - Light lunch included on Tuesday but all other meals and beverages at your own expense
  - Bookings close on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> March.
- Please make your booking by [CLICKING HERE](#) and then pay the deposit of \$100 or \$50 into the club account by your preferred method. For more information, please contact John Elvy on 0414 255 770.

### **National Braille Music Concert**

You will have noticed in the earlier mention of this event to be held in July. In support of this charity a fundraising Concert of Chamber Music for the National Braille Music Camp is being held in St Jude's Church Bowral on Saturday 22 February at 5.00pm. For more information contact Malcolm Stephens on 0475 436 470 or [CLICK HERE](#).

### **HOW TO MAKE PAYMENTS**

**ONLINE (Preferred)**

BSB 032723 ACCOUNT 750434

Please identify your payment with your name.

**CASH**

Directly at a meeting.