



## NEWSLETTER

### June 2025

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#### WHAT'S ON

12 <sup>th</sup> June	General Meeting
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Men's Coffee.
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Ladies' Coffee
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Committee Meeting
10 <sup>th</sup> July	General Meeting
31 <sup>st</sup> July	Men's Coffee Club
31 <sup>st</sup> July	Ladies' Coffee
28 <sup>th</sup> August	Q Station Overnight
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Berrima Courthouse/Lunch
4 <sup>th</sup> October	G&S @ Bundanoon
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Probus Combined Meeting and Partner's Day

#### HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY!

A very happy birthday to the following club members who are celebrating their birthdays in June and with only three in the draw for the celebratory wine you all have a good chance at winning.

John Milhinch Jim Cole Stephen Lehmann

#### JUNE SPEAKERS

John Dartnell will be our club speaker this month and will be speaking about ground water in third world countries and he will be followed by Scott Phillips who is the Motley Fool's Chief Investment Officer here in Australia and runs Motley Fool investment services. He will be addressing investment and superannuation and the possible effects of the government's imminent tax increase.



#### CLUB FINANCES

Opening balance 1 <sup>st</sup> May	\$4299.25
Closing balance 30 <sup>th</sup> May	\$3642.25
Expenses on Hold	\$1369.50
Balance	\$2272.75

#### CURRENT CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	65
Non-Active Members	6
Total Members	71

#### VALE – JOHN MCKENZIE

We have been notified of the passing of John McKenzie who has been a member of our club since January 2016. His wife, Kerri, said that "John enjoyed his participation with the Probus club but unfortunately, he struggled in the end to attend. Many thanks to you and your fellow members for making John so welcome."

Our condolences go to Kerri and the family.

#### MEN'S COFFEE CLUB

Last month, the coffee club gathering at the Bowling Club was very well attended with around twenty members participating in the discussions. The next session will be at Bowral Bowling Club at 10am on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June.

#### GOLDEN VALE HOMESTEAD

Our visit to the delightful Golden Vale Homestead was a great success despite the rain. The charming homestead recalls 150 years of elegant living in an c1870 property set on 200 acres of lush parkland near Sutton Forest NSW.

The land was first promised to free settler Michael Hogan, who sold Golden Vale to emancipated convict Thomas Wilmot in 1830 for 39 pounds. Edward Carter later purchased Golden Vale from Wilmot in 1857 and built the grand homestead for his growing family. His land acquisitions created a property which stretched almost Crookwell!



Today, in the care of the National Trust the homestead in classical Georgian style features an extensive collection of furniture and art, as well as nineteenth century outbuildings including stables and working wool shed.

#### CONSTITUTION REVIEW

The constitution and standing resolutions of the club are currently being reviewed by a sub-committee. They will be reviewed by the committee before being presented to all members for consideration and approval later this year.

#### VICE PRESIDENT ENDORSED

At the recent committee meeting the members unanimously accepted the nomination of John te

Wechel as vice president for the current year. This position has stood vacant for some time. If you are interested in joining the committee let a committee member know. You will be made very welcome!

### Q STATION OVERNIGHTER

We are now accepting bookings for a visit and overnight stay at the old quarantine station at North Head near Manly. Q Station was established in 1832 to quarantine early immigrants afflicted by infectious diseases, but you don't need to worry any more as it is now an historical site under the care of the National Parks and a fully operational tourist accommodation facility with restaurants and historical tour of the various onsite buildings (not to mention the beautiful location and views over Sydney Harbour).



An excellent package has been put together and the bonus is that it is at quite a good price!

Your Stay & Dine Package includes:

- Overnight accommodation for 2
- 2-course dinner in the award-winning Boiler House Kitchen & Bar for 2
- Buffet breakfast in Views Restaurant for 2
- Quarantine Wander History Tour for 2

And the price ..... \$390 per room. That's right, great value for two (or one) people for just \$390.

Travel is planned either by train, ferry and bus or you can drive to the location yourself, but cars are not allowed on site (more about this later).

You will also need to pay individually for lunch on both Thursday and Friday plus drinks etc.

Members should note that:-

- The venue advised that there is walking, and stairs involved and that a moderate level of fitness and mobility is advised for participants.
- There is a shuttle bus that is available on call for transfers around the site. This shuttle bus also transfers participants from the front gate to/from accommodation and to various venues on site. No private cars on site.
- There are **only ten rooms available** currently, and you are advised to use the booking link to secure your place as soon as possible.

When? The planned dates are Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> August and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August.

Payment? A deposit of \$100 per room is required when booking. After you have filled out the booking form please go to your financial institution's app and pay the \$100 into the club account.

### HOW TO MAKE PAYMENTS

**ONLINE (Preferred)**

BSB 032723 ACCOUNT 750434

Please identify your payment with your name.

**CASH**

Directly at a meeting.

Final payment will be required by Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> August and cancellations/refunds will be accepted up until Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> August.

Ready to book? Please [CLICK HERE](#) to secure your room and then pay in your usual manner.

For more information, please contact John Elvy on 0414 255 770.

### BERRIMA COURTHOUSE

Book the Date: No bookings yet!

Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> September is the date of our tour of Berrima Historic Courthouse and lunch at the equally historic Surveyor's Inn. The courthouse, established in 1839, saw miscreants convicted of crimes from cattle stealing through to notorious bushrangers and murderers. The Surveyor's Inn was established in 1834. It claims to be Australia's oldest continuously licensed inn and probably has also seen about the same number of criminals in its time.

Full details about this outing will be released next newsletter and then you will be able to book but for the time being please mark it on your calendar.

### GILBERT & SULLIVAN @ BUNDANOON

Book the Date: No bookings yet!

The Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Company of Sydney are again making their annual pilgrimage to Bundanoon Memorial Hall for their performance this year of "The Sorcerer". This opera relates the story of a young man, Alexis, who is obsessed with the idea of love levelling all ranks and social distinctions. To promote his beliefs, he invites the proprietor of J. W. Wells & Co., Family Sorcerers, to brew a love potion. What could go wrong?

The date? Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> October with lunch at the Bundanoon Hotel before the performance.

### PROBUS MONTH

October every year is celebrated as 'Probus Month' and this year on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> October we have something rather special arranged. A combined partner's day and combined with other clubs in the Southern Highlands will feature a talk by Ross Coulthardt who led the teams who discovered the famous lost Diggers photographs from France in WWI. Guaranteed fascinating!

No need to book just note the date!

### RUNOUT CAFÉ OPEN AGAIN

Many members will recall the "Runout Café" at the Bradman Museum and regretted its closing some years ago. Well, you'll be pleased to know it is open again for tea, coffee and snacks. Enjoy!