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MOSS VALE MEN'S PROBUS CLUB Inc.



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WHAT'S ON

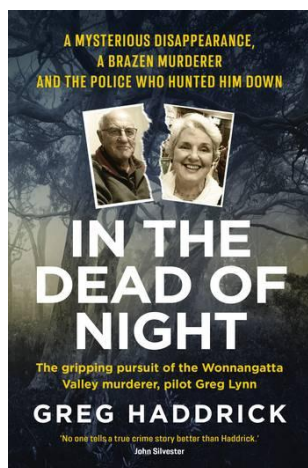
9 th April	General Meeting MYSTERY PARTNER'S DAY
29 th April	Coffee Club
29 th April	Ladies Coffee
7 th May	Committee Meeting
14 th May	General Meeting

PARTNER'S DAY

You know, our meeting this month has not one but two really big things, so big that you wouldn't believe what is happening (to be read in Trump style).

Seriously though, we really do have an interesting program for this month. Firstly, all partners are invited to come along and join our meeting, morning tea and perhaps lunch afterwards if you like. To interest and entertain you we have the author Greg Haddrick to talk to us.

In March 2020 a couple disappeared from the remote Wonnangatta Valley, leaving a burnt-out campsite. Russell Hill and Carol Clay were secret lovers, and at first, it seems they might simply have started a new life elsewhere. But the police



become increasingly convinced that they have been the victims of foul play. Greg's book, "In the Dead of Night" delves into the mystery, the investigation and the final solving of the mystery.

He has also released another true crime book on a case I am sure you will all recognise titled "The Mushroom Murders".

The club member speaking on Thursday is Alan Hayes AM who will present a report on "Disasters: Responses, Resources, Recovery - The Southern Highlands in Perspective!".

This will be a day to remember. Come along!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Graham Balfe	Allen Broome
John Browne	Alan Hayes
Don Barker	Barry Todd
Len Tully	Graham Warner

AGM

Constitution - [CLICK HERE](#)

Standing Resolutions - [CLICK HERE](#)

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance as at February 1	\$4075.75
Income February 2026	\$2442.00
Expenditure January	\$1722.00
Funds on Hold	\$1203.00
Net balance as of January 31	\$3632.65

MEMBERSHIP FEES PLEASE

Thank you to all the members who have paid their membership fees for the coming year.

To those who have not paid as yet, this is your final reminder to pay your appropriate membership fee. Would you please attend to this at your earliest convenience.

All you need to do is to complete the form [CLICKING HERE](#) and then put your payment into the club account by your preferred method (we prefer EFTPOS).

For active members that means a fee of \$45 for membership plus \$40 for morning tea giving a total of \$85. Non-active membership (for those who do not attend meetings) is \$45.

Thank you for completing this ASAP.

Enquiries to Lloyd Miller 0409 924 863

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Active Members	70
Non-Active Members	5
Total Membership	75

INDUCTIONS

The club is pleased to welcome Ron Sheppard to the club this month. Ron was a former member of the Nattai Probus Club and decided to join us following the closing down of that club. He spent his days before retirement in the electrical and communications industries and interests himself in gardening, tenpin bowling and his movie library.

Welcome Ron to the club when you get a chance!

RESIGNATION

The committee received and accepted a letter of resignation from the club from Marty Flaxman .

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Probus was introduced to Australia 50 years ago this year and there will be a number of events to celebrate this both locally and nationally by the many clubs now meeting every month in Australia.

PSPL has produced a promotional video hosted by the ABC show's "Back Roads" ex-host, Heather Ewart and this may be viewed by a simple [CLICK HERE](#).

There will be more activities related to this celebration throughout the year.

COMPUTER TUTORS

You will have received recently a request from Bowral House for tutors in computer skills for some residents in Bowral House. Please consider offering just a little of your time to assist in this matter.

As I understand it, Dianne, the coordinator, is not looking at teaching any deeply complex tasks on the computer but simply things like word processing, emailing, searching Google and other basic tasks. The teaching will not be large groups but individual tuition on the available computers.

Pretty much what most of us do every day.

If you would like more information or would like to volunteer your help please phone Bowral house in Kangaloon Road, Bowral on 4862 8900 and ask for Dianne who is organizing this project.

CLUB WELFARE

With the introduction of the new committee for 2026-27 we have had a change in the Welfare Officer for the club. Enquiries can now be forward to John Milhinch on 0408 412 335.

We would particularly like to assist those members who find it difficult to attend our monthly meeting through transport or mobility problems. If you are in this position please contact John, he would be pleased to hear from you.

ELING MORNING TEA

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Eling morning tea last month and from all reports I missed out not only on the delicious food but also on a very enjoyable gathering and chat with fellow members.

Here is a snapshot of the happy members!



Looks like a couple of spare scones down the front so maybe you missed out too!

Thanks to Michael and Chris for the photos.

MORE TEMORA

One of the interesting attractions we visited on the club touring holiday through Young, Temora and Cootamundra was the eclectic collection of historical items at the Temora Rural Museum.

Among the exhibits was the original slab hut that Don Bradman lived with his brother and three sisters. It was moved from its original position at Yeo Yeo near Cootamundra. The photo shows the inside of the cabin with Brooke and Kathy standing beside a very tall Emily Bradman, Don's mother, in the single roomed shack. They also had, amazingly, the old horse-drawn Bowral Fire Brigade cart with pumps on display.



THE GREAT SPAGHETTI HARVEST

As we have just endured another "April Fools' Day" I thought you might like this from the SKY History TV Channel.

"In 1957, the BBC pulled off what still ranks as one of the most famous April Fool's Day gags. Eight million people tuned in to watch Panorama's three-minute feature on the 'Swiss spaghetti harvest'.

After an unseasonably warm winter brought an end to their dreadful spaghetti weevil pest control issue, the region of Ticino near the Italian border was said to have yielded an 'exceptionally heavy spaghetti crop'. The footage showed people picking strands of spaghetti off trees and bushes before tucking into their home-grown feast.

The prank occurred long before pasta became a staple in the British diet, making the audience ripe for the picking. When viewers phoned in to find out how they could purchase their own spaghetti trees, the BBC told them to 'place a sprig of spaghetti in a tin of tomato sauce and hope for the best'."



HOW TO MAKE PAYMENTS

ONLINE (Preferred)

BSB 032723 ACCOUNT 750434

Please identify your payment with your name.

CASH

Directly at a meeting.