



## NEWSLETTER July 2026

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### WHAT'S ON

9th July	General Meeting
29th July	Coffee Club
29th July	Ladies Coffee
6th August	Committee Meeting
13th August	General Meeting
3rd October	Gilbert & Sullivan @ Bundanoon
20-22 October	Mudgee Tour

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Many happy returns to the birthday boys this month and let's hope you get lucky in the draw for the bottle of wine as well!

Frank Conroy     Arthur Delbridge  
Ian Head         Bruce Pearson  
Malcolm Stephens

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance as of June 1	\$6777.74
Income June 2026	\$1210.00
Expenditure June	\$1746.65
Funds on Hold	\$2205.50
Net balance as of June 31	\$4135.59

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Active Members	69
Non-Active Members	4
Total Membership	73

### JULY SPEAKERS

This month we have something completely different! As our booked club speaker had to pull out, he is being replaced by a short and we hope fun

Trivia Quiz. Bruce Pearson will present the quiz to test your knowledge of largely irrelevant facts on a wide range of subjects. Ten questions in 10 minutes!

The guest speaker spot will take a look at the decline of heavy industry, particularly train manufacturing in Australia and the demise of the once great Comeng (Commonwealth Engineering) industrial complex. This will be introduced by Bruce Pearson with a video and a chance to comment afterwards.

### COFFEE CLUB IN THE NEW VENUE

Coffee Club last month was held at our new venue in the Pavilion at the Bradman Oval. We were welcomed back to our old haunt with everything set up for us, including a tablecloth!

Coffee Club will again be held at the Pavilion this month on Wednesday, 29th July at 10am with all members welcome to come along and enjoy not only the coffee and the chat but also the outlook.

The Ladies' Coffee will also be on that day at 10am at the Golf Club (also with a nice outlook).

### THE HASTINGS LUNCHEON

The luncheon at The Hastings was a great success. The much-anticipated menu lived up to expectations and was appreciated by all. There was a large attendance which would indicate that this type of outing is popular amongst members and their wives. Keep an eye on the newsletter for the next one of these in the future.

Unfortunately, I enjoyed myself so much I forgot to take some photographs!

### MUDGEE/GULGONG TOUR

*Still room for more bookings!*

There has been a very encouraging response to the call for expressions of interest in the planned tour to Mudgee-Gulgong with well over twenty members and partners putting their names down.

A small correction though, would you change the dates on your calendars to depart Tuesday, 20th and to return on Friday, 22nd October.

There has also a change to the itinerary with the trip out being through Oberon and the return trip via Hill End. This was brought about by the congestion on the (not so) Great Western Highway due to the closure of the bridge at Victoria Pass.

John is refining the list of the attractions we are visiting but has booked some rooms in the Clairfield Hotel, which looks to have excellent and even luxurious facilities.

So, the basic plan now is to leave Bowral on the 20th October travelling to Oberon for morning tea and then on to Mudgee for lunch. After lunch there is a visit to a winery then onto the hotel with happy hour and dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Thursday starts with breakfast, followed by visits around Mudgee and then on to the town of Gulgong with its colonial facades and attractions from the same era in Australian history.

Back to Mudgee for dinner at a restaurant and home via Hill End on the Friday.

If you have now decided that you would like to join the crowd, please [CLICK HERE](#) and leave your name and the possible number of attendees. It is open to club members, their partners and invited friends.

**G&S @ BUNDANOON ~ Bookings Open**

The poster features a central image of a courtroom scene from 'Trial by Jury' and a theatrical scene from 'The Savoyards'. Text includes 'Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Sydney', 'SOMETHING OLD & SOMETHING NEW DOUBLE BILL', 'SUPERB FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT FULL ORCHESTRA', 'THE SAVOYARDS OR NOT ANOTHER G&S', 'TRIAL BY JURY', 'GILBERT & SULLIVAN OPERA SYDNEY', 'BUNDANOON | NORTH SYDNEY', '3 OCTOBER | 9, 10 & 11 OCTOBER', and 'WWW.GSOSYDNEY.COM.AU'. A QR code is also present.

Bookings are now open for the Gilbert and Sullivan Performance at Bundanoon. The cost is \$40 for the performance with lunch at the Bundanoon Hotel at your own expense.

This outing has been popular for years and is quickly booked out so now is the time to make your booking. The musical this year is “Trial By Jury” and “The Savoyards”, two for the price of one! There will be the usual Palm Court Orchestra and presented by Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Sydney.

Details are as follows:-

**Date:** Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1:30

**Where:** At the Bundanoon Memorial Hall.

**Lunch:** At the Bundanoon Pub at 12 midday (There is no need to book for this).

**Transport:** Own vehicle (sharing encouraged).

**Cost:** \$40 per person for the performance with lunch at your own cost.

**Bookings:** [CLICK HERE](#) to make your booking and then pay the appropriate amount into the club account by your preferred method. Details can be found at the end of this newsletter.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE** – 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2026 unless sold out prior as we have only been allocated 25 seats.

Enquiries: Len Tully 0417 499 621

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

One of the many penalties for getting older is the substantial rise in the cost of travel insurance.

On the recently issued Membership List you may have noticed that under your first name is a number. This is your Probus Membership Number, and it may be used to obtain travel insurance both national and international, at a cheaper rate through the Probus network.

Of course, you will need to assess whether this particular policy suits your needs before purchase as we all have different expectations.

More information about Probus Travel Insurance [CLICK HERE](#). Enquires to Lloyd Miller 0409 924 863.

**CLOSING TODAY (MONDAY)**

You received, during the past month, a copy of an invitation from our local council which read in part ..... “The Mayor and General Manager would like to offer your group a presentation about Council’s financial sustainability work to date, including cost containment and productivity measures and efficiencies that have been realised, before discussing the two options for financial sustainability that were endorsed for community engagement at the June Council meeting. Option 1 is to keep current funding settings, whereas Option 2 includes a proposed Special Rate Variation (SRV) with borrowings. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions.”

If you would like to accept this invitation you need to act now as the shared briefing is tomorrow, Tuesday, 7 July 10:00am – 12:00pm at the Theatrette in Moss Vale (68 Elizabeth Street).

**Immediate action is needed!**

Contact John Elvy 0414 255 770

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**AI AGAIN!**

The talk last month on AI was all very interesting but I wondered if Mr AI has a sense of humour so I asked him (it) to make up a funny joke about “old people, winter and Bowral”. It replied ....

“Alright Bruce — here’s one with proper Bowral-country flavour, the kind you’d hear between the bakery queue and the Mitre 10 car park:

Winter in Bowral’s when old folks finally admit it’s chilly — but only after telling you the frost used to be so thick you could lose a sheep in it and still make it to the RSL by 5.”

Well, I guess that answers my question and we can’t do without humans after all!

## HOW TO MAKE PAYMENTS

**ONLINE (Preferred)**

BSB 032723 ACCOUNT 750434

Please identify your payment with your name.

**CASH**

Directly at a meeting.