



PROBUS NEWS FOR APRIL 2015

“For Probus Members Only”

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The March 2015 General Meeting was attended by 52 Members and 3 Visitors.

Your President and Committee members would therefore like to announce that there are now 98 ordinary members, 4 Non-active members and 1 Life Member, hence there are 6 membership vacancies. These membership figures are only indicative and subject to confirmation.

Members are asked to keep Membership Officer, Graham Balfe, up-to-date with any changes in their details they may have, see below, to assist him in keeping the club’s membership list valid.

- change of address?
- change of phone number or email address?
- other amendments or corrections to their entry?

You are requested to pay your monthly meeting fee of \$5.00, with an as crisp as possible **Five Dollar Note**. This greatly assists your Membership Officer to swiftly count the takings and pay the Golf Club Management for us.

April 2015 Birthdays

Graham BALFE, Derek BARNES, Don BARSBY, Allen BROOME, Nick TAIT, Barry TODD and Graham WARNER.

Inductions for April 2015

None

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Meeting		Guest Speaker	Topic	Background	Club Speaker	Topic
April	9	Jai Rowell MP		Member for Wollondilly	Peter Martin (Guest Speaker)	Water not Coal
May	14	Richie Cotton	Giggly Times, Giggly Rhymes	Children's Author	John Williams	Sydney's Public Statues

Members are asked to put on their thinking caps and see if they can come up with potential guest speakers and topics. Also, to consider themselves doing a long or small talk on their topic of choice to members. Our speakers program has been excellent in the past, and is a hallmark of our club's success. Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated and worthwhile to the club.

Just let **John te Wechel** (4861 7679 or jwechel@bigpond.net.au) or any other Committee Member know of your suggestion.

March 2015 Guest Speaker HUME COAL Presentation.

Greig Duncan, Project Director - Greig is currently Project Director Hume Coal tasked with taking the project through its exploration, approvals and construction phases. Greig has previously completed similar assignments with Yancoal at its Astar Mine and more recently with Whitehaven at its Narrabri Mine. Greig has 41 years of experience in the mining industry, predominately in underground coal. Greig has generally specialised in taking a mine the project phase through to operations

Matt Sewell, Manager Community Liaison - Matt is the Manager for community liaison for the Hume Coal Project and is responsible for co-ordinating and managing all stakeholder engagement for the project. This involves community and landholder liaison, external stakeholder engagement, government relations both local and state, and overseeing the Hume Coal community investment program. Matt has significant experience of over 18 years managing and directing stakeholder engagement for clients both in Australia and the UK.

The presentation, "Hume Coal Project – An environmentally responsible approach to coal exploration", given by Greig provided an update of the status of the project. It included the exploration program, environmental planning and management as well as an update on mine planning progression.

March 2015 Club Speaker

There was no March Club Speaker due to the AGM.

Bowral Probus History Group

Future Meetings of this group will be combined with the Bowral Probus Club.
Meeting dates are the 2nd Thursday of each month at the (Same day as our Monthly Meeting):
Uniting Church Hall Bendooley St. Bowral 2.00 pm
An invitation is extended to our Probus members to attend meetings on either a regular or occasional basis.

Speaker Programme

The next meeting of the group will be:-

9th April 2015 – General Discussion "Our memories of Anzac Day"

Any enquiries to Keith Crittenden (of Bowral Probus) on 4861 7032.

TOURS and FUNCTIONS

The tours and functions organisers, and your treasurer, now inform members that they are now able to pay online by direct debit to;

Probus Club of Moss Vale

Westpac Bowral BSB= 032723 Acc No.= 750434 identifying themselves as the payee.

Note: It is important for the Treasurer that members identify themselves when paying online.
Also, when paying for tours and functions please pay separately for each item as paying one lump sum is too difficult for the Treasurer to itemise or identify.

Contact for Tours and Functions is:-

Gordon Dummer 4862 4989 or email gordolyn@hinet.net.au

TOURS

1. WARATAH STUD HORSE COMPLEX TOUR

Is proposed for:-

Date: Tuesday, 28th April, a tour of Waratah Stud Horse Complex, Headlam Road, Moss Vale. Some members may wish to meet for lunch, hence Moss Vale Services Club will do a light lunch for \$20 for us.

The stud tour will start at 2pm, and will be approximately 1.5 hours duration.
Maximum number 25 people so book early with Gordon.

2. MOSS VALE "MOUSE HOUSE" VISIT

Prof. John Mattick of the Garvin Institute has invited us for a tour of the "Mouse House" at Moss Vale. Wednesday 17th June starting at 10:30am. Let John te Wechel know via email at jwechel@bigpond.net.au

Once we have an idea of numbers we can firm up details with the Garvin Institute.

3. THREE DAY TOUR COWRA, WEST WYALONG AND TEMORA.

Is proposed for:-

DATES: Thursday 15th October to Saturday 17th October.

DAY 1: Travel to Cowra to visit Cowra Japanese Gardens, then drive to West Wyalong for overnight stay.

DAY 2: Visit Barrack Gold Mine at Lake Cowal, with mine tour and BBQ lunch, return West Wyalong early afternoon. Visit a handcrafted glass gallery. Overnight West Wyalong.

DAY 3: Visit Temora for a flying show of RAAF flight trainers. Drive home.

Please indicate if you have any interest in this tour. See web sites for Barrack Gold Mine, and Temora Air Museum.

4. SHOW: GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'S "THE GONDOLIERS"

At Bundanoon Soldiers Memorial Hall

Further details will be provided at the April and subsequent Meetings

COFFEE CLUB

Next meets at 10:00am on Wednesday 29th April at the Milk Factory Gallery,
Café des Artistes, 33 Station Street, Bowral.

Please consider a topic for discussion, and phone or email Gordon Dummer 4862 4989
or email gordolyn@hinet.net.au to book your attendance.

FUNCTIONS

None.

ADVICE FROM A RETIRED HUSBAND

It is important for men to remember that, as women grow older, it becomes harder for them to maintain the same quality of housekeeping as when they were younger. When you notice this, try not to yell at them. Some are oversensitive, and there's nothing worse than an oversensitive woman. My name is Norman. Let me relate how I handled the situation with my wife. When I retired a few years ago, it became necessary for Ethel to keep her full-time job, along with her part-time job, both for extra income and for the health benefits that we needed. Shortly after I retired working, I noticed she was beginning to show her age. I usually get home from the golf club about the same time she gets home from work. Although she knows how hungry I am, she almost always says she has to rest for half an hour or so before she starts dinner. I don't yell at her. Instead, I tell her to take her time and just wake me when she gets dinner on the table. I generally have lunch in the Men's Grill at the club, so eating out is not reasonable. I'm ready for some home-cooked grub when I hit that door. She used to do the dishes as soon as we finished eating. But now it's not unusual for them to sit on the table for several hours after dinner.

I do what I can by diplomatically reminding her several times each evening that they won't clean themselves. I know she really appreciates this, as it does seem to motivate her to get them done before she goes to bed. Another symptom of ageing is complaining, I think. For example, she will say that it is difficult for her to find time to pay the monthly bills during her lunch hour. But, boys, we take 'em for better or worse, so I just smile and offer encouragement. I tell her to stretch it out over two, or even three days. That way, she won't have to rush so much. I also remind her that missing lunch completely now and then wouldn't hurt her any (if you know what I mean). I like to think tact is one of my strong points. When doing simple jobs, she seems to think she needs more rest periods. She had to take a break when she was only half-finished mowing the grass. I try not to make a scene. I'm a fair man. I tell her to fix herself a nice, big, cold glass of freshly squeezed lemonade and just sit for a while. And, as long as she is making one for herself, she may as well make one for me, too.

I know that I probably look like a saint in the way I support my wife. I'm not saying that showing this much consideration is easy. Many men will find it difficult. Some will find it impossible! Nobody knows better than I do how frustrating women get as they get older. However, Guys, even if you just use a little more tact and less criticism of your aging wife because of this article, I will consider that writing it was well worthwhile. After all, we are put on this earth to help each other.

PLEASE READ THE EDITOR'S NOTE.

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Norman died suddenly on January 31 of a perforated rectum. The police report says he was found with a Calloway extra-long 50-inch New Big Bertha Driver jammed up his rear end, with barely 5 inches of grip showing, and a sledge hammer laying nearby. His wife was arrested and charged with murder. The all-woman jury took only 10 minutes to find her Not Guilty, accepting her defence that Norman, somehow without looking, accidentally sat down on his golf club.

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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS ON 14th May 2015