



# PROBUS NEWS FOR JULY 2015

## “For Probus Members Only”

President:	Keith Huxham	4862 5648	<a href="mailto:thelmahuxham@gmail.com">thelmahuxham@gmail.com</a>
Secretary:	Francis de Beaujeu	4862 3532	<a href="mailto:fdebeaujeu@bigpond.com">fdebeaujeu@bigpond.com</a>
Treasurer & Vice President:	Arthur Delbridge	4869 5453	<a href="mailto:arthurdelbridge@gmail.com">arthurdelbridge@gmail.com</a>
Newsletter Editor and Webmaster:	Brian Collath	4869 2140	<a href="mailto:collath@bigpond.com">collath@bigpond.com</a> <a href="http://www.probusmossvale.org.au">www.probusmossvale.org.au</a>
Postal Address:	PO Box 456	MOSS VALE 2577	
Cheques payable	Payee: Probus Moss Vale		
Online Payments	Account Name: Probus Club of Moss Vale	BSB=032723	Account No.= 750434 Ref= “identify yourself”

**The June 2015 General Meeting was attended by 57 Members, 1 Inductee, and 6 Visitors.**

**Your President and Committee members would therefore like to announce that there are now 98 ordinary members, 3 Non-active members and 1 Life Member, hence there are 6 membership vacancies.**

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.

### July 2015 Birthdays

**Frank CONROY, Arthur DELBRIDGE, Geoff MATTHEWS, Ron PETSCHACK, David RAINES, Ian RIDLEY, Malcolm STEPHENS, and Don WILLIS.**

## **Inductions for July 2015**

**Dr Terry O'MALLEY, Wife's name is Sue, sponsored by Mr Nick LOCKE, and seconded by Mr Murray WALKER.**

### **UPCOMING SPEAKERS**

<b>Meeting</b>		<b>Guest Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Background</b>	<b>Club Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>
July	9	John Jeremy	Sinking of HMAS Sydney	Ex-CEO Cockatoo Island Dockyard	Vern Cottee	Poles and Wires
August	13	TBA	Reviving 5000 Years of Chinese Civilisation	Shen Yun Performing Arts	TBA	TBA

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](mailto:jwechel@bigpond.net.au)) or any other Committee Member know of your suggestion.

#### **June 2015 Guest Speaker #1** **Mr. Don ROSS, CEO Harbison Care**

Don gave us a very informative talk of the costs of Aged Care. In doing so he explained the different options available to families in planning for this important aspect of our lives.

#### **June 2015 Guest Speaker #2** **Mrs. Leonie KNAPMAN, Author and Historian**

Leonie gave a very interesting and amusing talk on her life as a miner's daughter at Glen Davis, NSW. It was supported with a wide range of photographs of the area and the mine under construction.

#### **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:-

9<sup>th</sup> July 2015 –Keith Crittenden will speak on significant developments in the years 1917, 1918 and 1919 (with emphasis on the link between the Russian revolution and political and industrial upheaval around the world in 1919)

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](mailto:gordolyn@hinet.net.au)

## **TOURS**

### **1. THREE DAY TOUR COWRA, WEST WYALONG AND TEMORA.**

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

**Details for those attending, thus:-**

- Accommodation West Wyalong Golf Club Motel @115.00 per room per night includes breakfast. Evening meals at your own cost.
- Morning tea and tour of Cooma Cottage, home of Hamilton Hume \$10. 00 per person.
- Tour of Japanese Gardens \$13.00 per person, lunch at your own cost.
- We will be picked up at the motel for the trip to the gold mine which includes a BBQ lunch, cost \$20.00 per person.
- Afternoon tea and garden tour with locals, \$10.00 per person.
- Temora Air Show \$18.00 per person.
- Total Cost therefore:     \$372.00 per couple plus own meals  
                                      \$ 301.00 per single, plus own meals
- **There has been one cancellation, if you would like to come along please advise Gordon.**
- Those who are coming are requested to advise Gordon their mobile phone numbers for the West Wyalong trip.

### **2. SHOW: GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'S "THE GONDOLIERS"**

- The show will be performed at the Bundanoon Soldiers Memorial Hall on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm.
- The cost of the show is \$20.00 per person.
- Pre-Show Lunch (at your own cost) at Bundanoon Hotel at 1:00pm. There are 14 Main Courses to choose from, 5 Entrees & 4 Desserts.
- Come to a casual Lunch, & leisurely walk to the Show where we will have reserved section seating towards the front.
- Please advise Francis de Beaujeu (02 4862 3532 or [fdebeaujeu@bigpond.com](mailto:fdebeaujeu@bigpond.com)), who is coordinating ticket bookings for this event, of your interest in attending either, the show or lunch & show.

## **COFFEE CLUB**

Next meets at 10:00am on Wednesday 29th July 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](mailto:gordolyn@hinet.net.au) to book your attendance.

## **FUNCTIONS**

None.

### **A Visit to the Mouse House.** **by Geoff MacBean**

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June a group of 25 members and their wives visited the Australian BioResources Ltd, the Garvan Institute's research facility at Moss Vale, known colloquially as "The Mouse House". After a quick morning tea and an interesting and informative introduction from the Public Relations Director from Darlinghurst and the Chief Scientist from the Moss Vale facility, we were divided into two groups for a guided tour of this fascinating complex, one group by one of the scientists and the other by the production manager whose essential task is to keep the temperature of the building between 18 and 22 degrees under all circumstances, for which they have their own internal systems in case of external power failure.

One could never imagine a building with a population of up to 800,000 mice with no odour, and cleanliness to be envied by most hospitals! As the whole operation is completely sterile, we were only able to see through windows into the work areas. One fascinating process was the in-vitro fertilisation of mouse ovaries with eggs done under a microscope, then reinstated into the mice!

The main laboratory was a large area called the "Bubble Room" which contained 11 separate cubicles surrounded by plastic sheets, each cubicle containing thousands of mice in special boxes lined with corn husks, where the mice are fed with a special food supplement which is actually produced in Bargo. The mice in each cubicle are subject to various diseases or illnesses such as diabetes, most forms of cancers and other illnesses for which they are subjects for scientific research.

All the animals in the centre are treated in a completely humane way. The scientific work done here is absolutely essential for medical research, and there are many collaborative ventures with universities and research centres both in Australia and overseas, and mice produced here are exported to many parts of the world for research, and rare mice are also imported here to be bred, for which the centre has its own quarantine area, supervised by the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service.

With no Government funding, the Garvan Institute relies mainly on donations to keep running. They do a fantastic job, and it was a real privilege to be shown over this facility.

**THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS ON 13<sup>th</sup> August 2015**