



# PROBUS NEWS FOR MAY 2015

## “For Probus Members Only”

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**The April 2015 General Meeting was attended by 65 Members and 1 Visitors.**

**Your President and Committee members would therefore like to announce that there are now 96 ordinary members, 3 Non-active members and 1 Life Member, hence there are 7 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.

### May 2015 Birthdays

**Tom DOLAN, Gordon DUMMER, Reg GILBERT, John SANDILANDS, Bill SWEETAPPLE, John WILLIAMS and Joe HANSOR (NA).**

### Inductions for May 2015

**Mr. Geoff LANSDOWN, Wife's name is Margaret, sponsored by Mr. Derek BARNES, and seconded by Tom MAY.**

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Meeting		Guest Speaker	Topic	Background	Club Speaker	Topic
May	14	Richie Cotton	Giggly Times, Giggly Rhymes	Children's Author	John Williams	Sydney's Public Statues
June	11	Don Ross	Aged Care Homes - Explaining the Costs	CEO Harbison Care (NB - 20 min talk with 10 min Q&A)	Monty Hicks	100 Years

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.

### April 2015 Guest Speaker Peter Martin - WATER NOT COAL

Peter Martin of the Southern Highlands Coal Action Group (SHCAG) gave a talk entitled Water Not Coal to outline his groups concerns about the Coal Mine under investigation being planned for the Sutton Forrest area. His group's concerns are in the effects this mine will have to the agricultural and the general community. His presentation provided us with a better understanding of the proposed project, and allowed us to ask questions.

### April 2015 Club Speaker

Reg Gilbert was our emergency Club Speaker for April. His talk was about his tour in Western Australia including the ANZAC Memorial in Albany. Many thanks to Reg for stepping up to fill in for the April General Meeting.

### 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:-

**14<sup>th</sup> May 2015 - TBA**

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. 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 17<sup>th</sup> June starting at 10:30am and ending around 12 noon.  
At the conclusion of this tour, we can meet for Lunch at the Moss Vale Services Club. Please let Brian Collath know via email at [collath@bigpond.com](mailto:collath@bigpond.com)

Due to parking restrictions at Australian BioResources Limited, 9-11 Lackey Road, Moss Vale, we will have to park our cars at the gate and walk to the building.

### **2. THREE DAY TOUR COWRA, WEST WYALONG AND TEMORA.** **(THIS TOUR IS NOW CLOSED FOR NEW PARTICIPANTS)**

**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.

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

will be performed at the Bundanoon Soldiers Memorial Hall on Saturday, September 12th.

The cost is \$20.00 per person.

A pre-show Lunch may be organised.

Allen Broome has agreed to manage this function.

## **COFFEE CLUB**

Next meets at 10:00am on Wednesday 27th May 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 Horse Heaven 28 April 2015**

On a (rare, lately) sunny April afternoon some nineteen Probus Members, wives and guests enjoyed a guided tour of the Waratah Thoroughbred Horse Stud at Moss Vale. Organised with his usual precision by Probian Gordon Dummer, the tour was nothing less than spectacular.

Following a lunch (a little less spectacular, but filling) at the Services Club, we travelled in convoy the short distance to the Stud and found ourselves in a world of luxury. The stud presents as a European village, with manicured lawns, story-book buildings, all with slate roofing, stucco walls and wonderful timber and brass doors and windows. One could easily feel transported to the South of France or the heart of Alsace-Lorraine and the quaint atmosphere, the designer fences, the fountains and stone walled ponds emphasised the 'other world' style. Your correspondent felt at one with Dorothy "Toto, we're not in Kansas anymore!"

Of course, that's just the outside. Led by Julie, a slight New Zealander in Stiletto Jimmy Choo style high heels, we wondered how she was going to manage around the normal surroundings of a horse stud. Well, she managed very well! As we walked up the drive we found ourselves approaching one of the Villa style buildings, with tall clock towers and high sloping roofs, and as we entered, found the external promise more that matched by the opulent interior.

Built on a cross axis, the stables/barn, (neither word does them justice), opened up to show luxurious accommodation for the horses, all of whom, we were assured, belonged to the owner, Paul Fudge. The various stalls were timber panelled, your correspondent failed to identify its origin, with immaculate metal gratings, covered openings for water and feed, and even ornamental Brass knobs on the cross beams. The floor seemed rubberised and tiled in a stylish pattern and the first hint of high level care was a room complete with a wash labelled 'Equine Spa'. It was just that, a spa for the thoroughbreds who were treated with cold sprays in a spotless white spa that would not have been out of place (apart from scale) in a mansion's bathroom. The provision of a Hyperbaric Chamber topped off the facilities for most of the visitors. Your correspondent notes that the chamber is strictly for the horses, not guests.

As we moved further into the central area, the premises took on a presence, some said like a church although the consensus seemed to be a court house (your correspondent is sometimes left to wonder at the backgrounds of some of our members). The main chamber was at least reminiscent of a grand town hall with vaulted ceilings and down lights, although a former President pointed out the absence of sprinklers and the preponderance of timber. None the less, the central area displayed some three levels, with offices raised above the main floor where we were informed by Julie, the owner, being short of time, stood at the rail of the raised office/sitting room level and reviewed the horses, paraded through the chambers by their keepers. A stairway leads to a well-appointed entertaining area with its own kitchen and sofas leading to a splendid balcony that showcased the twin fountains in a garden below.

Continuing the journey, we visited the wet and dry exercise yards, complete with a 'revolving-door style circular track that can be regulated to pace the horses as they walk in separate enclosures. The wet yard owes nothing to a well-appointed swimming pool.

Finally, we intrepid travellers arrived back at the front gate, thanked our guide, Julie and our organiser supreme, Gordon and gained general consensus in regard to reincarnation preference for a thoroughbred. As usual, the tour was a great success, the company excellent, and the spirit of Probus was upheld.

**THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS ON 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015**