



PROBUS NEWS FOR NOVEMBER 2015

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Bill (William) Dunstan

23rd October 2015

It is with regret that we announce the passing of Bill,
a valued member of our club.

The President, Committee and Members would like
to extend their sincere sympathy to Bill’s wife,
Patricia, and Family on this very sad occasion.

<http://tributes.smh.com.au/obituaries/smh-au/obituary.aspx?n=william-dunstan&pid=176276934>

The October 2015 General Meeting was attended by 50 Members, 2 inductees and 1 Visitor.

Your President and Committee members would therefore like to announce that there are now 101 ordinary members (after this month’s new induction), 3 Non-active members and 1 Life Member, hence there are 3 membership vacancies.

November 2015 Birthdays

John BODY, Brian COLLATH, Ron HEMMING, Derek MARTIN, Gordon McBEATH, Colin STAMM, John te WECHEL, Murray WALKER and John WORTH (N.A.)

Inductions for November 2015

Mr Graham CHEGWIDDEN, partner's name is Susan. Sponsored by Mr Richard MIALL.

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, be part of the General Meeting, and pay the Golf Club Management for us.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Meeting		Guest Speaker	Topic	Background	Club Speaker/s	Topic
November	12	Frank Moore	Nuclear Energy	Australian Institute of Nuclear Science & Engineering	Alan Wigzell	Farm Predators
January	14	Susie Arnott	Capt. P. G. Taylor, The Man Who Saved Smithy	Capt. Taylor's daughter	1. John te Wechel/Gordon Dummer 2. Michael Burton	1. Trip to Cowra, West Wyalong and Temora 2. A Fandango of Forgers

CLUB SPEAKERS WANTED. This means you, as you have a great story to tell us, don't you.

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.

October 2015 Guest Speaker



Our September Guest Speaker was Mr Michael Parker, Headmaster of Oxley College who spoke to us about Ethics in Schools.

After completing a law degree at Sydney University and a clerkship in a corporate law firm, Michael Parker transferred very enthusiastically to the world of education. Over the last twenty three years Michael has taught at Cranbrook School Sydney, Eton College UK and Newington College Sydney. He was the subject of the SBS documentary 'Inspiring Teachers' in 2007. Most recently he was Deputy Headmaster and Head of Senior (secondary) school at Cranbrook. Michael has published a number of books including Talk With Your Kids About Ethics in Australia and the USA in 2012 and Talk With Your Kids About Big Ideas in 2014. He has

also published a Young Adult novel with Penguin, a children's picture book with Walker Books in the USA and six textbooks. Michael came to Oxley in May 2014 and as Headmaster is responsible for vision, strategy, students and staff.

October 2015 Club Speaker

Your fellow member, Mr Malcolm STEPHENS, gave us a very entertaining talk on his former occupation as a UK Diplomat.

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

None at present

COFFEE CLUB

Next meets at 10:00am on Wednesday 25th November 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



2015 Christmas Lunch.



Please consider attending to make this a jolly good time. Your Good Lady is invited too.

Our Christmas Lunch will be held on Friday 11th December at the Bowral Golf Club.
12.30pm for 1.00pm start

There will be a pre-lunch drink followed by a two course meal (Turkey and Christmas
Pudding).

The cost is \$40.00 per person.

Drinks with the meal at your own cost.



Three Day Self-Drive Tour of Cowra, West Wyalong and Temora

Three Day Tour to Temora via Yass, Cowra and West Wyalong was faultless. Thirty MV members, wives and a couple of friends were so fortunate to be on this trip.

First stop was Cooma Cottage, the home of the Australian explorer (in fact, the only Australian born explorer of note in the mid-1850's), Hamilton Hume...just a few kilometres short of Yass. We've been past this National Trust property many times but never considered calling in. Silly us. Two local volunteers took us through this property, not just physically but by way of the stories of Hume...his upbringing, exploring days and his days of "retirement". Absolutely first rate.

Then on to Cowra for a late lunch at the Japanese Garden's Tea Room. This was followed by a walk (or ride) round the wonderful, wonderful ...only the Japanese could do it...gardens. A gorgeous day and then on to our accommodation for two nights in West Wyalong.

Now West Wyalong is a key part of the story, Gordon and Lyn having had a 1,400 acre sheep/wheat farm there for fourteen years. This meant we were going to go places no one else could have got us to and we were going to meet quite a number of the Dummer's (still very good) friends.

First up on day 2 was a 4 hour visit to the nearby Lake Cowal gold mine. They certainly know how to host visitors. The mine is only 11 years old and was recently sold by Canadian Mining Group, Barrick Mines to an Australian newcomer, Evolution Gold (ASX Code EVN, Price ≈\$1.47) for almost \$700 million. A truly impressive sight. An open cut, presently down to 270 metres (it will eventually get to 500 metres), with huge \$5 million, 200 tonne, dump trucks slowly hauling the rock up a particularly steep incline. Lots of rock with such a small amount of gold trapped inside...6 ounces per dump truck! We moved around on a company-provided bus with the very impressive Mine Manager providing a running commentary and answering everyone's questions. (Of course, like all mining operations there is always the question of rehabilitation when the mine's life comes to an end...predicted to be 2024. Certainly Evolution is on top of the challenge...but the huge hole will be left).

After lunch we proceeded to view Lake Cowal itself, said to be the largest inland lake in NSW, when it is full. It wasn't.

That afternoon, another highlight. We met some of Gordon and Lyn's friends at the home of Ross and Janice Cattle, former farmers but now retired to town. We all mingled with this interesting group of at least a dozen...all of whom brought huge amounts of food. Janice's garden was outstanding and would be an award winner down here in the Southern Highlands. Dozens and dozens of roses, irises, a fern grove, fruit trees, vegetables and so on. Truly professional. Another thanks to Gordon and Lyn.

Next morning we were off to Temora...not far, about 70 kilometres. We assembled in the Temora Aviation Museum..."home to a world-class flying collection of ex-military aircraft." First up a presentation, complete with slides by Lars Larson (now a 737 Qantas pilot) on his restoration of a Husky Aircraft complete with floats. Determination and time. And money. Then into groups...to either a film on the history of the facility or a visit to the engineering hanger. And finally the fly past. There were a number of planes in the show including a Tiger Moth, Piper J3 Cub, Ryan (Art Deco), Wirraway followed by a Boomerang and finally the Supermarine Spitfire Mark V111. Thoroughly enjoyable. And the important point? Gordon managed to put together the whole package at a time when the Air Show was operating. First class.

We are extremely grateful that we were able to join in with Moss Vale Probus for a wonderful three days.

Max and Jan Powditch

There is no General meeting in December as this is our Christmas Lunch/Party time.

THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS THURSDAY 14TH JANUARY 2016