



# PROBUS NEWS FOR OCTOBER 2015

## “For Probus Members Only”

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**The September 2015 General Meeting was attended by 60 Members and 4 Visitors.**

**Your President and Committee members would therefore like to announce that there are now 99 ordinary members, 3 Non-active members and 1 Life Member, hence there are 5 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, be part of the General Meeting, and pay the Golf Club Management for us.

### October 2015 Birthdays

**Rod JONES  
and  
Barry MIDDLETON**

### Inductions for October 2015

**Mr Geoff Lansdown, wife’s name is Margaret, proposed by Mr Derek Barnes and seconded by Tom May**  
**Mr Jeremy Strong, wife’s name is Dianne, proposed by Randolph Barnes and seconded by Francis de Beaujeu**

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Meeting		Guest Speaker	Topic	Background	Club Speaker	Topic
October	8	Michael Parker	Ethics in Schools	Headmaster, Oxley College	Malcolm Stephens	People and Places
November	12	Jai Rowell	TBA	Member for Wollondilly	Alan Wigzell	TBA



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

### September 2015 Guest Speaker



Our September Guest Speaker was **Dick French**, the cricket umpire. Dick was educated at Sydney Boys High School. Qualified accountant FCPA with Australian Society of Accountants. Former Chief Examiner for the Australian Insurance Institute. Employed with AMP Insurance Group for 40 years since school. Retiring from final position of Chief Accountant NSW operations. Represented NSW at Table Tennis 1962 to 1963. Played Grade Cricket with Randwick Club and with AMP in City and Suburban competitions. Commenced Umpiring in 1972 in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade. Promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade in 1973. First Sheffield Shield Match – NSW vs WA – 1975/76 season.

First Test Match – Australia vs India – 1977.

Umpired a total of 19 International Test Matches, 58 One Day International Matches, and 44 Shield Matches.

Retired from all umpiring in 1989 due to troublesome knees and requiring 2 knee replacements.

President of NSW Cricket Umpires from 1990 (1300 member) to the year 2000.

Former State Director of Umpiring, responsible for recruiting, training and developing umpires all over the state.

Match referee for all NSW games, 1990 to 2001.

Awarded the Medal of Order of Australia in 1996 for services to cricket.

Appointed National Umpire Selector May 2002 to 2008.

Appointed to Laws of Cricket National Technical Committee 2004.

Torch bearer for Sydney Olympics.

Awarded Australia Sports Medal Sept 2000 for services to cricket.

Retired from all cricket administration in 2008.

Entered into Umpires Hall Of Fame on its centenary anniversary August 2013.

Married for 50 years with 3 boys and 6 grandchildren.

Living in Carlingford.

### September 2015 Club Speaker

**Your fellow member, Mr John Barrow, gave us a very entertaining talk on his travels in France.**

## **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:-

8th October 2015 – Margaret Wilson with talk about the Polynesian Migrations

Any enquiries to Peter Dewey (of Bowral Probus) on 4862 3970.

## **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. TOUR: 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 or \$301.00 per single, plus own meals.
- Those who are coming are requested to advise Gordon their mobile phone numbers for the West Wyalong trip.

## **COFFEE CLUB**

Next meets at 10:00am on Wednesday 28th October 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.

## **HARS Outing.**

Well, another fabulous outing organised by Gordon. A group of sixteen members, partners and friends met at the Botanical Gardens site in Bowral for a self-drive trip down Macquarie Pass to Albion Park to visit the Historical Aircraft Restoration Society's Museum. The trip was a resounding success despite Gordon's attempt to get us lost...but more about this later.

HARS is a not-for-profit organisation and was formed in 1979 by a group of aviation enthusiasts interested in the preservation of Australian aviation history.

A constitution was drawn up and HARS became an incorporated society in 1988. In 1991 the Australian Taxation Office granted our request for donations to be allowable as a tax deduction. For those of us feeling charitable, HARS is a Deductible Gift Recipient organisation whose Mission Statement is:

*To recover, and where possible restore to flying condition, aircraft or types of aircraft that have played a significant part in Australian Aviation History both in the Civil and Military arenas.*

HARS now has within its membership over 70 licensed aircraft engineers out of a total of 480 people, all volunteers. Their licenses cover virtually all of the skills recognised within the aviation industry.

Our group was split into two with our guides, John and Bill, taking us through the Museum to see both their flying and static displays. We spent a good two and a half hours listening and looking and could easily have spent more time such is the enthusiasm of the guides to share their passion and knowledge.

The highlight (to me at least) were the Super Constellation, only one of two examples in the world still able to fly. This Connie was rescued from the "Bone Yard" in Tucson, Arizona where it had been left for parts in 1977. During one of its inspections a window was left open and it became a pigeon coop complete with nests and poo. Scrap metal merchants wouldn't touch it because of the mess inside but HARS members had other ideas and purchased it in 1991. After restoration the Connie was flown to Australia in 1996. Our inspection inside the aircraft showed us what "luxury" used to be like with plenty of leg and hip room in what otherwise was very basic seating.

An inspection of the QANTAS Jumbo was a must. We've probably all flown on this aircraft at some stage and it was great to see the cockpit and crew rest area as well as what now seems the somewhat old and tired passenger seating and entertainment systems. This Jumbo has carried over 4 million passengers a total distance equivalent of 110 return trips to the moon. It has the record of the longest non-stop flight by a commercial airliner, from London to Sydney (20 hours 9 minutes) and the record of the shortest delivery flight by a QANTAS Jumbo, from Mascot to Albion Park (12 minutes).

The F-111 looked as modern and potent as ever despite being built in 1967 and retired in 2010. The Catalina "flying boat", sponsored by Dick Smith, had its floats removed and won't be landing in water again after it took a week to drain it following its last attempt on Lake Illawarra. The rebuild of the replica Southern Cross is another fantastic display that has been proceeding for years.

The list of aircraft and engines is almost endless and for those members who haven't seen the exhibition, it's a must see.

From the Museum we proceed to lunch at Shellharbour, dutifully following Gordon and his co-pilot Peter St Clare-Groth who was armed with Gordon's directions. We should have been worried when we saw Peter's hand move to his chin and a puzzled look appear on his face. In Peter's defence, the printing was quite small and a number of roundabouts may have been replaced by traffic lights...and Gordon's direction might have been slightly suspect. Nevertheless, we had an entertaining tour of the backstreets of some suburbs whose names are yet to appear on any maps, where even the young lady that Gordon tried to chat up for directions seemed not to have heard of Shellharbour.

We all did eventually manage to drift in to the pub overlooking the harbour to finish off a most enjoyable tour. Thanks again to Gordon for making it all happen.

**THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**