



# PROBUS NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

## “For Probus Members Only”

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**Valé  
Monty Hicks  
at 100 Years  
12<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

**It is with regret that we announce the passing of Monty, a valued member of our club. The President, Committee and Members would like to extend their sincere sympathy to Monty’s family on this very sad occasion.**

*From Sarah Esslemont (Monty’s daughter):-*

*“We are having a celebration of his life on Sunday 27th September at E2 in Berrima. Everybody is welcome. 11am start with food and drinks provided. My two brothers are running the event. Henry, the younger as MC and Aldous to give the Eulogy. I will put a note in SMH and Southern Highland News on September 16. So my brothers and I would love to welcome you and other Probus members who wish to come on the 27th and thank you all very much for all you did in making Dad’s latter years that much more enjoyable. His constant battle was loneliness and deafness was no help.”*

**The August 2015 General Meeting was attended by 46 Members and 2 Inductees.**

**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.

**September 2015 Birthdays**

**Denis COOPER, Vern COTTEE, Brian DAWKINS, Francis de BEAUJEU, Peter DUNN, Kevin FERRARI, Peter KERR, and Bruce ROSENBERG.**

**Inductions for September 2015**

None

**UPCOMING SPEAKERS**

Meeting		Guest Speaker	Topic	Background	Guest/Club Speaker	Topic
September	10	Dick French	Humorous Test Umpiring Experiences	Australian Cricket Umpire	John Barrow	Travels in France
October	8	Frank Moore	Nuclear Energy	Atomic Scientist	Malcolm Stephens	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.

**August 2015 Guest Speaker #1**

Sue Tyler, Highlands Drive Safe, gave a short, informative and interesting talk about the recent changes to the Road Rules for drivers. Her talk focused on the "Top 10 misunderstood road rules in NSW". So, how have you been going with these new rules? Your Newsletter Editor has noticed that, in the Highlands, not many people indicate correctly when exiting at roundabouts. This he feels is because very few people know of this change, hence we should pass the word around more.

## **August 2015 Guest Speaker #2**

**Rachel Qu** talked to us about Reviving 5,000 Years of Chinese Civilisation. Her talk centred around the Shen Yun Performing Arts Troupe who use the universal language of music and dance to weave a wondrous tapestry of heavenly realms, ancient legends, and modern heroic tales, taking you on a journey through 5,000 years of Chinese culture. Performances are scheduled to occur in NSW/ACT in March 2016.

## **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:-

10<sup>th</sup> September 2015 – Peter Dewey speaks on the Anthology of Great Diarists over the last 350 years using members birth dates as a starting point to explore historic events

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: HARS (Historical Aircraft Restoration Society) Visit**

- **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September**
- **Illawarra Regional Airport, Corner of Boomerang and Airport Roads, Albion Park Rail NSW 2527**
- **A self-drive trip**
- **We will meet at the corner of Old South Rd and Kangaloon Road at the Botanic Garden corner.**
- **Please arrive there by 9.00am for roll call.**
- **Depart 9.15 am.**
- **Morning tea will be served on arrival at the museum. Morning tea and tour cost is \$15.**
- **The tour will take approximately 90 minutes**
- **Then we will drive on to Shellharbour Hotel for lunch at your own cost.**

2. **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.

3. **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 30th September 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.

**The Rake.**

I was working in the garden this weekend and my wife was about to take a shower. I realized that I couldn't find the rake.. I yelled up to my wife, "Where is the rake?" She couldn't hear me and she shouted back, "What?" I pointed to my eye, and then I pointed to my knee and made a raking motion. Then, as my wife wasn't sure she yelled "What?" I repeated the gestures. "Eye - Kneed - The Rake" My wife replied that she understands and signals back. She first points to her eye, next she points to her left breast, then she points to her backside, and finally to her crotch. Well, there is no way in hell I could even come close to that one. Exasperated, I went upstairs and asked her, "What the hell was that? She replies, "Eye - Left Tit - Behind - The Bush" !!!

**THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015**