



# Probud Club of Moss Vale Inc. PROBUS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to your new newsletter format. It contains all the news of the previous editions plus lots more for you to read. I hope you enjoy it!

### NEW VENUE

This is also our first meeting at our new venue, Mittagong RSL Club. You'll find new bright modern facilities throughout the building making it a very convenient place for our monthly gatherings.

There's plenty of parking and on entering the building you'll need to sign in if you are not a member of the club (more about that later) before you take the lift or the stairs to the first floor and we meet in the Alexandra Room. The club has very kindly allowed the use of their facilities free of charge but you will still need to bring along money to pay for your morning tea which remains at \$5 per meeting.

Please pay your monthly meeting fee of \$5.00 at the door, with a crisp Five Dollar Note.

### NEW COMMITTEE

Seems like everything is new including your committee. The positions for 2016-17 are as follows:-

President	Arthur Delbridge
Vice President	John te Wechel
Past President	Keith Huxham
Secretary	Brian Collath
Treasurer	Francis de Beaujeu
Tours	Gordon Dummer
Membership	Graham Warner
Speakers	John te Wechel
Newsletter	Bruce Pearson
Auditor	Frank Conroy

If you have any questions or matters relating to our club would you please raise them with the appropriate committee member who will be pleased to answer any questions. Committee members will be glad to listen to your suggestions and answer questions.

### CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	94
Non- Active Members	3
Life Members	1
Attendance Last Meeting	48

### MISSING BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

If you compare the total membership and the attendance at the last meeting, you will notice that about half of the club members did not attend. Obviously there are occasions when members cannot attend for various personal reasons but it would be

### WHAT'S ON

14 <sup>th</sup> April	General Meeting
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Coffee Club
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Red Shield Appeal Launch Committee Meeting.
12 <sup>th</sup> May	General Meeting - 10 am at Mittagong RSL Club
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Coffee Club

great to see an increase at the monthly gatherings. If you are reading this and haven't attended for some time, please come along to the next meeting or if you have noticed that one of our members hasn't been for a while perhaps you could contact them and encourage them to come along to the meetings. We would love to see them there!



Graham Balfe	Derek Barnes
Allen Broome	Nick Tate
Barry Todd	Graham Warner

Happy birthday from all the members of the club and best wishes for an enjoyable day!

### COFFEE CLUB

Next meeting Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 10:00am, in the Ashes Room International Cricket Hall of Fame in Bowral. Entry is from the doors facing the Bradman Oval and please do not enter the kitchen.

There was an excellent attendance at the last meeting with some lively discussion. Keep the date for the Coffee Club every last Wednesday of the month (except December) at 10am. Also consider a topic for discussion and phone Gordon Dummer on 48624989 or email him at [gordolyn@hinet.net.au](mailto:gordolyn@hinet.net.au).

### INDUCTIONS

This meeting we have two new members joining our club. Firstly, there is John McKenzie who has been sponsored by Tom Currie and Les Lenny. John is an ex-solicitor with an interest in golf, tennis and rugby union. We also have Roy Alvaro from the construction industry with interests in gardening and travel. Welcome to our

new members and please make yourself know to them and welcome them at your earliest opportunity.

## CLUB SPEAKERS



Last month we had an entertaining and interesting talk from well-known Hugh Mackay. This month we look forward to Tony Grey, on his topic of "The Romans in China", and to club member Jeremy Strong. If you would like to volunteer as a speaker John te Wechel would be glad to hear from you at a meeting or on 48617679.

## MEMBERSHIP FEE DUE

Please note that membership of the Probus Club runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April each year and if you have not paid your annual subscription it is now due. Please make your payment using the information below.

## PAYMENTS

Please make payments for all activities to the club treasurer at a meeting or as per the details below.

Cash	To the Treasurer at meetings.
Post	PO Box 456, MOSS VALE 2577
Cheque	Payee: Probus Moss Vale
Online	A/c: Probus Club of Moss Vale BSB 032723, Account No. 750434 Please identify yourself with your name so your payment will be correctly credited.

## MITTAGONG RSL MEMBERSHIP

Please note that you are not obliged to join the Mittagong RSL Club but there are significant benefits in belonging to this club. Firstly, if you are not a member you will be required to sign in each and every time you enter the club. Members simply wave their card when entering. The cost is only \$8.50 for the first year which includes a \$2 joining fee.

This is easily recouped by using your card to access discounts at local businesses. You'll save \$20 on a set of tyres, get a free loaf of bread at Bakers Delight, get a whopping 25% off your bill at Southern Highlands Wines Restaurant at Sutton Forest or save \$30 next time you sky dive at Wollongong! There are literally dozens of opportunities to save so your membership is very worthwhile if only to save signing in every time.

Our secretary has the membership applications available if you would like one, even if you just want to check out the discounts. Membership runs from December to December so get in early to maximize your benefits.

### THIS MONTH'S ONE LINER

*My doctor told me that jogging could add years to my life. He was right—I feel ten years older already.*

## TRAIN SPOTTERS



Did you spot these locos in the Southern Highlands on their way to the steam festival at Thirlmere last month? There was a C30T Class followed by the recently restored Beyer-Garratt both from the rail museum at Canberra.

## NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE MEETING

At the committee meeting this month the treasurer reported a closing balance of \$3537.00. Francis pointed out that a number of subscriptions had not been received and that the per capita fee to Probus South Pacific was still to be paid.

Gordon Dummer submitted a report in his absence saying a tour to the Moorebank Army Museum was under consideration and also later in the year a trip to the Oberon/Bathurst area was a possibility.

Among the matters discussed was the matter of privacy and the publication of the Membership Directory for this year.

The resignations of Jim Nield, Bruce Hudson and Eric Brown were accepted with regret and the recent passing of Derek Martin was noted.

A report was received from the executive, who recently travelled to a Probus Information Day at Ulladulla stating that it was interesting and helpful and that discussing matters of mutual concern to other clubs was beneficial.

The usual committee reports were received and in correspondence a letter of appreciation was received from our member, Richard Miall, who expressed his thanks for the recent response to the appeal to assist the victims of Cyclone Winston in Fiji by club members. The letter is to be read at the general meeting.

## RED SHIELD APPEAL LAUNCH

Members are invited to the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal Launch. The function will take the form of breakfast with a guest speaker, the former government minister the Hon. Michael Yabsley. It is to be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00am at Bendooley Estate on the Old Hume Hwy at Berrima. The meal is free and a donation toward the appeal would be appreciated. Further information and a booking form are available from the secretary as pre-booking is required.

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