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WHAT'S ON

9 th June	General Meeting
29 th June	Coffee Club
7 th July	Committee Meeting
14 th July	General Meeting
27 th July	Coffee Club
3 rd – 6 th October	Beechworth Trip

WELCOME!

Well winter is certainly with us after a lovely warm autumn and then we are only two weeks from the shortest day and spring is on its way!

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	95
Non- Active Members	3
Life Members	1
Attendance Last Meeting	48



Happy Birthday to us! Yes, it's the club's 32nd birthday on 14th June. In 1984 it was the first Probud Club formed in the Southern Highlands, and has continued to be a very successful club since that date.

Looks like June is also popular for members' birthdays. Happy Birthday "Birthday Boys"

Harold Bodinnar	Peter Edwards
Brian Florance	David Forbes
Ted Jackson	Stephen Lehmann
Bob Lineham	Terry O'Malley
George Owen	Geoff Piggott
Brian Thornton	Martin Earp

COFFEE CLUB

Well, significant matters were discussed over a cup of coffee at the Coffee Club last month. Topics included the pricing of petrol in the local area and what to do if you accidentally entered a women's toilet! Unfortunately, there wasn't sufficient brain power in attendance and although several proposals were put forward we were unable to resolve these problems. We are hoping that you will help by joining us at the next meeting on Wednesday, 29th June 10am in the Ashes Room at the International Cricket Hall of Fame in Bowral. All you need is to buy yourself a cup of coffee and sit

down and join the discussion. Phone Gordon Dummer on 48624989 or alternatively send him an email at gordon_dummer@bigpond.com for information.

INDUCTIONS

Welcome to these new members being inducted at this meeting. Firstly we have Neil Braithwaite who lives at Bundanoon with his wife Anne. During his working life he has been involved in managing businesses, mainly newsagencies and now enjoys travel and gardening.

This month we welcome to our club Michael Gray who resides with his wife Anne in Berrima. Michael is a retired solicitor and lists his current interests as walking, swimming and classical music. Please make yourself known to Michael and Neil at your earliest opportunity.

CLUB SPEAKERS



It should be another interesting talk by our guest speaker this month. Dennis Jones is a wildlife safari consultant as well as an accomplished photographer and I am sure we will be treated to many amazing stories of the African and Indian wildlife. Our club

speaker today is Graham Chegidden who has chosen some interesting stories from the DPP as his subject. Club member volunteers are always welcome as speakers so please contact John te Wechel at a meeting or phone him on 48617679

MILITARY MUSEUM VISIT

A group of 10 members and friends recently travelled to Moorebank for a tour of the Royal Australian Engineers' Museum of Military Engineering followed by lunch at the local Sports Club.

The current museum was only opened last year and was well worth the visit. Open to the public on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, there are displays covering the role played by the Sappers ("First In, Last Out") in Colonial Australia, through the various wars to their continuing work in remote and indigenous community developments.

A tour of the museum encompasses the main display building, the diorama display, examples of equipment used for gap crossings and the many large items of engineer plant and armoured vehicles

THIS MONTH'S ONE LINER

Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish.



developed not only for construction tasks but also for land clearing and land mine destruction and clearance.

Of particular interest with the heavy equipment is the damage that can be seen to the protective plating caused by mine clearing and IEDs, as well as the improvisations that the Sappers made to ensure their machinery was up to the task. The humour of the soldiers was in abundant supply throughout the museum, with one huge bulldozer emblazoned with "We never sleep, we only doze!"

Ed. Thanks to John te Wechel for this report and to Brian Collath for the photographs.

BEECHWORTH TRIP

Gordon has organised a club trip to Beechworth and would like definite expressions of interest from the members. A brief outline of arrangements would be departing by private car on 3rd October and return on October 6th for a 4 day/3 night stay in Beechworth. Accommodation is at a local motel at a total cost of approximately \$460 per couple which includes all



accommodation, a two course dinner on the day we arrive and a cooked breakfast the following morning. Other meals during our stay are to be arranged in town at your own expense at one of the many restaurants.

Beechworth is a well-preserved historical town located in the north-east of Victoria, famous for its major growth during the gold rush days of the mid-1850s. It

PAYMENTS

Cash	To the Treasurer at meetings.
Cheque	Probus Moss Vale PO Box 456, MOSS VALE 2577
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achieved fame when the trial of Ned Kelly was held in the town and has an amazing range of tourist activities including wineries and a brewery, historic buildings and displays, shopping, restaurants, visiting nearby towns and of course the famous bakery. The list is almost endless so a good time is assured for all those who attend. Day outings are yet to be decided.

During our trip we will have access to the local tourist information centre and be close enough to be able to walk to the centre of town. You will also have the opportunity to visit Bright, Yackandandah, Chiltern, Stanley, Corowra, Rutherglen for wine tours or the Old Pub at Eldorado for lunch. All an easy drive away!

There are only 10 rooms available so what you have to do quickly is contact Gordon on 48624989 or gordon_dummer@bigpond.com and let him know you are keen to attend. The deposit and other arrangements will be notified at a later date.

MEETING TEA AND COFFEE

Last month I mentioned the fact that the club was paying \$6.50 for morning tea and only charging members the usual \$5 resulting in a deficit of \$70-\$90 per meeting and that this situation could not continue. Following negotiations with the RSL Club the cost of morning tea has been reduced to \$6 but this is still more than we can subsidise from club funds.

You are therefore asked to decide between these two options. *That as from the general meeting in July, 2016 members will:-*

- Pay the increased cost of \$6 per meeting for morning tea/coffee and biscuits or
- Pay the current \$5 per meeting and receive morning tea/coffee and no biscuits.

This matter will be voted on at the June meeting and the decision implemented as from the July meeting. Morning tea/coffee will remain the same for the June meeting ie. \$5 per member for tea/coffee/biscuits.

NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE MEETING

There was a discussion of the latest changes to the constitution of Probus South Pacific Limited. Originally the committee decision was to take no action on the changes but it has recently come to light that club representatives on the board would have no voting rights making club representation a totally ineffective position. Details will be read during correspondence and the committee intends to inform PSPL of their dissatisfaction with the proposed changes.

PEANUTS ANYONE?

On a recent local Probus Club tour the coach driver was driving along with bus full of members when an older lady offered him peanuts. He thanked her and ate them. About 15 minutes later same thing happened! And after ninth time, he asked why they didn't eat them themselves.

She explained, "It's our teeth! We can't chew them but we love the chocolate coating!"

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