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I received lots of positive feedback about the Newsletter last month. Sorry about the couple of small errors that crept in and I can't promise you that there will be none in future editions.

WHAT'S ON

12 th May	General Meeting
25 th May	Coffee Club
2 nd June	Committee Meeting
9 th June	General Meeting
29 th June	Coffee Club

SAME PLACE DIFFERENT SPACE

Our first meeting at the new venue, Mittagong RSL Club was well attended and the new amenities were appreciated by all members. There will be two distribution points for morning tea this week, one for coffee and one for tea. You will be informed at the meeting of their location.

Remember that this week we are gathering in the Carrington Room which is directly opposite to the room we met in last month. We will be returning to the initial room for the June meeting.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	95
Non- Active Members	3
Life Members	1
Attendance Last Meeting	66



Barry Todd was the lucky birthday boy who won the bottle of wine last month and this month we wish a very happy birthday to the following :-

John Williams	John Sandilands
Gordon Dummer	Joe Hansor
Reg Gilbert	John MacDonald

Yes! Happy birthday to these members and good health for the coming year from all your fellow members.

COFFEE CLUB

Our Coffee Club continues to be well supported by members of the club. If you have never been to one of these informal gatherings please consider joining us at the next monthly meeting on Wednesday 25th May,

10:00am is in the Ashes Room 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. Contact Gordon Dummer on 48624989 or email him at gordolyn@hinet.net.au for more information.

INDUCTIONS

Welcome to the two 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.

Also joining our club is Walter Wilson from Moss Vale with his wife Shirley. Walter has been involved as a director in the steel industry and now describes himself as an ex-hockey player who likes skiing. Please welcome these new members to the club.

CLUB SPEAKERS

I am sure we all would like to congratulate John on the quality and variety of speakers he seems to have in endless supply. Last month was no different with Jeremy Strong's trip through the Southern Atlantic and Tony Grey's fascinating insights into the Silk Road and China. This month we can look forward to Terry O'Malley on "Manus, Then and Now" followed by David Deasey speaking on "Australia's Role in the Boer War". Club member volunteers are always welcome as speakers so please contact John te Wechel at a meeting or phone him on 48617679



Just a reminder, the title of Tony Grey's book was "The Tortoise in Asia" and if you are looking for a copy the Wingecarribee Library has a copy in stock or it is available for purchase at good book shops.

MITTAGONG RSL MEMBERSHIP

Noticed a lot of members from our club joining the RSL Club after the meeting last week. As I said in the Newsletter last month, for the concession cost of \$8.50 (full cost \$13.50) it is well worth the money. One of the benefits of joining is a two-for-one meal voucher for your birthday, discounts at the bar and a host of other discounts at local restaurants, coffee shops, travel agents, home and garden shops and a host of other businesses, even Harvey Norman! And finally, if you are not a member you will be required to sign in each and every time you enter the club. You can get a membership

form at the front desk and it only takes a few minutes to complete the process and become a member.

MILITARY MUSEUM VISIT

A visit to the Australian Army Museum of Military Engineering at Holsworthy Army Barracks has been arranged for club members and their partners for Tuesday, 14th May 2016. This is a self-drive trip and car pooling is suggested for the day. The cost of the museum visit is nil but a gold coin donation is requested and lunch is at your own expense.

We will all assemble at Bunnings Corner at Braemar at 9. 15 am for the drive to Holsworthy for a 10.30 am guided tour and then on to Moorebank Sports Club, Heathcote Road, Hammondville for a light lunch. Those who wish to attend will need to contact Gordon to supply licence numbers for security clearance as we will be entering a secure area. Ladies and visitors are most welcome to attend.

If you wish to attend please contact Gordon on 0418343556 or gordolyn@hinet.net.au by 20th May to confirm your attendance

The military museum which was formally accommodated at the School of Military Engineering (SME) Moorebank, has been relocated to the Military Barracks Holsworthy. Relocation of the museum exhibits including numerous items of plant equipment and large vehicles required detailed planning and considerable effort by the team of, primarily, ex-RAEME volunteers and serving personnel from various Corps.



THIS MONTH'S ONE LINER

Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.

MEETING TEA AND COFFEE

The club is currently subsidizing your morning tea to the tune of \$1.50 per person and this as you will understand adds up to quite an amount per meeting and is unsustainable in the long term. Your committee is in discussions with the club but there may be only two alternatives. Either we put the price of morning tea up to \$6.50 or we go without the biscuits. You may have some preferences or ideas about the situation and if so would you please communicate them to one of the members of the committee.

CONTRIBUTIONS

I am looking for short contributions to publish in the newsletter such as the book review which appears in this edition. Keep it short (no more than 200 words) and entertaining, just the text and I'll do the rest. Email to btpearson@yahoo.com.au or hand a note to me at a meeting. Thanks

NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE MEETING

The treasurer reported a credit balance of \$3,578 but after outstanding expenses, including the annual capitation fee to PSPL are deducted the actual credit balance is \$2131.

After visiting the lovely Bright District himself, Gordon suggested that three day excursion for the club later in the year and would like to know those who are interested. Please discuss the suggestion with your partner and let us know what you think. We are keen and you should be too, The West Wyalong tour was an outstanding success and I am sure this would be a lot of fun too!

Francis was appointed to investigate the possibility of reforming the local Probus network group with object of promoting activities and sharing ideas.

Printing of the club directory is almost ready so if you have any alterations to your details please advise Graham Immediately. Last Chance!

The website editor was asked to make past newsletters available on site and this has been done. The web address is www.probusmossvale.org.au

PAYMENTS

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

WORTH READING!



Title: Mosquito Down!

Published: June, 2014

Genre: WWII history, autobiography

Comments: This is a detailed look at the life of a fighter pilot, Frank Dell, during World War II and his life in the company of the resistance in Holland following his shooting down over Germany. The story is told in an interesting and easy reading style but I found that it holds your attention throughout. His anecdotes and good descriptions of life avoiding capture and assisting the resistance give a personal view lacking many fiction books on the same topic. A recommended read!

Author: Frank Dell with Brett Piper

Pages: 188

Review by: Bruce Pearson

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