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**WHAT'S ON**

13 <sup>th</sup> April	General Meeting
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Coffee Club
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Committee Meeting
11 <sup>th</sup> May	General Meeting
31 <sup>st</sup> May	Coffee Club
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Bundanoon Gilbert and Sullivan
October	Proposed Bathurst Trip



Welcome to our new President, John te Wechel at his first general meeting. John takes over the reins from Arthur Delbridge for the next year. I am sure that we all wish John a rewarding year. He will be ably supported by his committee which is listed below. If you have any concerns please contact the appropriate committee member below,

President – John te Wechel

- Vice-President – Brian Collath
- Past President – Arthur Delbridge
- Treasurer – Francis de Beaujeu
- Membership – Graham Warner
- Speakers – Malcolm Stephens
- Tours – Gordon Dummer
- Newsletter – Bruce Pearson
- Public Officer – Brian Collath
- Auditor – Frank Conroy

We would also like to welcome Geoff MacBean to the committee. Geoff has volunteered his support as a committee member for the coming year and it is much appreciated by the committee and I am sure his contribution will benefit our club.

**CURRENT MEMBERSHIP**

Active Members	97
Non- Active Members	9
Life Members	1
Attendance Last Meeting	47
Visitors	3

The committee accepted with reluctance the resignations of David Reid, Graham Chegwidden, Ron Campbell and Richard Long for various reasons but mostly ill health.

We will finally induct Rob Epworth into the club. Rob has been unable to attend for the last couple of

months but hopefully we will have his induction at this meeting. Rob lists golf and rugby as his interests following his twenty-five years with the World Bank in Africa and Asia. Welcome to the club Rob and wife, Barbara.



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

Happy birthday to all of you and we wish you all the best on your special day.

**SPEAKERS**

Due to circumstances, we have had a change of speaker this month as sometimes happens. Stepping in we will have Michael Baume AO. Michael is a former diplomat, frontbench federal politician, consultant, journalist, public company director, stockbroker, TV panelist and commentator, author and public speaker. His talk is entitled, "Members of Parliament Only: The real life of a politician". Don't miss this meeting!

Our club speaker will be Jim Cole and his talk is entitled, "Six Weeks with the US Navy in Antarctica".

In May look forward to Michael Gray, "The Camino de Santiago" and club speaker Jeremy Strong on "The Winds of Change: The Rhodesian Bush War".

**COFFEE CLUB DISCUSSION**

There was a very interesting discussion at last month's Coffee Club which was attended by sixteen members. It revolved around the question of "Why don't we get more people attending meetings?" To put you in the picture, we have had during the past year an average total membership of 100 whilst the average attendance at meetings during the last year has been 53%. Why?

Obviously, members are away at various times travelling overseas or touring, ill health affects us all at some time or other but is there any other reason for this low attendance? If you have any ideas perhaps you could pass them on to a committee member.

Further, our move from Moss Vale Golf Club to the current meeting venue was discussed and follow-up by President John showed that the old venue was not and may never be available again but if a space could be found it would definitely be at higher price and not have the facilities of our Mittagong RSL meeting room. The

**THIS MONTH'S ONE LINER!**  
*What happens if you are scared half to death twice?*

subject was discussed in committee and it was agreed that no further action be taken.

However, a club is only as good as the support of its members and that doesn't change.

The next Coffee Club will be held at the Lower Pavillion Room at Bradman Oval on the Last Wednesday of the month, 26<sup>th</sup> April at 10am, All members are invited to attend and made very welcome.

#### **PROPOSED BATHURST TRIP**

Are you interested in participating in a four-day/three night trip to the Bathurst-Orange areas along the lines of trips we have made to various places. The proposed dates will be in October. These trips are always enjoyable and shared with your fellow members and friends, presenting an opportunity to enjoy a few days away to relax. If you are interested please contact Gordon Dummer at [gordon\\_dummer@bigpond.com](mailto:gordon_dummer@bigpond.com) or speak to him at this meeting to let him know that you are interested or for additional information.

#### **BUNDANOON GILBERT AND SULLIVAN**

Please note that the always popular Gilbert and Sullivan outing and lunch at Bundanoon is on again. Note the date (23<sup>rd</sup> September) but no bookings as yet.

#### **MEMBERSHIP BOOKLET UPDATE**

Those with email will have received information this week relating to the updated publication of the club membership booklet and those who receive the newsletter by mail will find an insert in their newsletter this week. Please reply if the information is incorrect or needs to be updated so that we can get it as accurate as possible. This is your last chance to make changes.

#### **GOSFORD TRIP**

What a great trip we had to Gosford last month! We started with a fantastic display of classic cars at the Classic Car Museum. We saw cars from the humble Volkswagen Beetle through a whole range of Holdens and Fords to Mercedes, Ferraris and Cadillacs. All were in spectacular condition and presented beautifully.



This was followed by a short drive to the Henry Kendall Museum where we had a barbecue lunch and everybody sat around and enjoyed a steak sandwich and cuppa before we were given a short talk followed by free time to roam around the small museum filled with some fascinating photographs, displays and old equipment that brought back memories to many of us and demonstrated how far technology has advanced.

Another short drive brought us to our excellent



accommodation for the night and soon moved on to Happy Hour at the RSL Club next door. The restaurant there provided us with a tasty meal and gave us time to



mix socially with our fellow travellers.

Friday, out of bed, but not too early, for the Mailman's Cruise on the Hawkesbury. We departed Brooklyn and while we appreciated the beautiful scenery we were given morning tea to tide us over to lunch. The weather co-operated as we made our way up the river and under the rail and freeway bridges. Along the way we dropped off the mailbags with not too many pieces of mail to the various jetties where people lived on semi-remote islands and peninsulas. Lunch was a delicious ploughman style with plenty for everyone.



On our return, we said our goodbyes and all agreed we had had a great couple of days. Thanks once again to Gordon for his organisation and look elsewhere in the newsletter for information on the next trip.

#### **PAYMENTS**

Cash	To the Treasurer at meetings.
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