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WHAT'S ON

12 th January	General meeting
25 th January	Coffee Club
1 st February	Model Trains at Mortdale
2 nd February	Committee Meeting
9 th February	General Meeting
22 nd February	Coffee Club
23-24 March	Gosford Trip

Welcome to another active year in Probud. Did you make any resolutions this year? Lose weight, finish those outstanding jobs, get more exercise? Why not make attending every meeting of your Probud Club a resolution in 2017?

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	100
Non- Active Members	10
Life Members	1
Attendance Christmas Lunch	68

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Firstly, although the December birthdays were mentioned in the last Newsletter, this month we include them, along with the January members, in the lucky draw. The December birthdays were

- Michael Burton John Dash
- Nick Locke John McCullagh
- Doug Pritchard

And the January birthdays are

- Alan Wigzell Chris Young
- Doug Lyons Frank Tate
- John Barrow Keith Huxham
- Marcus Maclean Martin Lemann
- Neil Braithwaite Noel Symonds
- Tim Lunham Walter Wilson
- Warwick Kent

Happy birthday gentlemen and many more!

SPEAKERS



This month we have Trevor Dean "The Story of Bryan Monkton". Trevor is a founding member of the Australian Aviation Museum and has been involved with other aviation museums and groups affiliated with Museums Australia, giving recognition to those who keep Australia's history of aviation alive.

Trevor has worked on many mutually beneficial partnerships with the Air Training Corp cadets, TAFE students, volunteers and with the Work for the Dole program. Trevor approached the famous Australian flying boat pilot, Captain Bryan Monkton and assisted

with writing his memoirs. After the Captain sadly became ill, Trevor carried out his wishes and published the book.

From the club, Brian Collath will be speaking on his recent trip to Iceland complete with photographs.

Next month we have Graham Wilcox and "The Struggle For Unity - A Story of the Federation of Australia" followed by club speaker, Chris Young.



COFFEE CLUB

It's back to business (and fun) as usual this month and I am sure there will be an extended and wide ranging discussion agenda as usual. If you have never been

before why not make 2017 the year you give it a go? Nothing to lose except the price of a cup of coffee. We will congregate on Wednesday, 25th January, 2017. All club members are welcome to the coffee club held in the lower room of the pavilion at the Bowral Cricket Museum. Phone Gordon Dummer on 48624989 or alternatively send him an email at gordon_dummer@bigpond.com for information.

INDUCTIONS

Three inductees this month! Frank Tate and his wife Julie join us today. Frank is an ex-airline pilot and is enjoying landscaping, music and bonsai in his retirement. Barry Wood has retired from the merchant navy and a career in surgical instruments to join us and enjoys computers, lawn bowls and politics. His wife is Pamela. Finally, we have James Rowe, wife Sharon, being inducted. James was a pharmacist and lists golf and the arts as his hobbies. Welcome to you all!

SPECIAL VISITOR

This meeting we have a visit from the President of the Shoalhaven Probud Club, John Tobin and we are hoping to organise an inter-club function in the near future. Welcome to our meeting.

2017-18 CLUB FEES

The committee, after discussing the club's current financial status set these fees for the coming year. Membership if renewed prior to 31st March is \$40 and after that date \$45. Joining fee for new members is \$40 (includes badges etc). The morning tea subsidy will continue and the member cost will remain at \$5. Please pay your annual fee to the treasurer using one of the methods below before 31st March.

A NEW YEAR ONE LINER!

May all your troubles last as long as your New Year resolutions. (Apology to those who keep their resolutions)



TRAINS DAY OUT

A visit to the mini-world of the Australian Model Railway Association NSW Branch at Mortdale has been organised on

Wednesday, 1st February, 2017. We will gather outside Bunnings and then depart at 9.00am using private transport for the club rooms at 48 Barry Avenue, Mortdale. We will then return home. There may be a small donation required at the club rooms and lunch is at your own expense.

Any of our members who own HO gauge trains are invited to bring them along and would be welcome to run them on the day. Tech terms for these people they run both DC and DCC. But you don't have to be a trains enthusiast to just enjoy the day out.

It is important that Gordon has numbers for the outing so please contact him on 48624989 or let him know at the January meeting at the latest that you wish to come along for the day.

GOSFORD TRIP

This is the trip away that will appeal to everyone. It is a short one-nighter, no long walks, a bit of history, poetry, fabulous cars, a barbecue, a nice motel, a great dinner, an historic cruise with morning tea and lunch and all just a leisurely drive away.

Date: 23-24th March, 2017 **Travel:** Private transport

Cost: Couple \$ 250 or Single \$195

Deposit: \$100 on booking with the remainder to be paid by Thursday, 2nd March.

Included in the cost are morning tea and lunch on Day 1, admission to the Henry Kendall Museum and guided tour, accommodation in Gosford RSL Hotel and the Postman's Cruise on the Hawkesbury River. You will need to pay individually for the visit to the Classic Cars Museum (\$20pp or \$12pp for blue pension card holders) and for your refreshments and dinner at the RSL Club Thursday night and breakfast. But as a bonus you will receive free membership of the Gosford RSL which will give you 10% off your refreshments and meals at the club.

The full itinerary will be available soon and those with an internet connection will be notified when it is available. Note that numbers are limited for this trip so if you wish to go along please book early to avoid disappointment. You may book with Gordon at gordon_dummer@bigpond.com (preferred) or call him on 0418343556 and pay the \$100 deposit in the usual way to the treasurer.

PAYMENTS

Cash	To the Treasurer at meetings.
Cheque	Probus Moss Vale PO Box 456, MOSS VALE 2577
Online	1. A/c: Probus Club of Moss Vale 2. BSB 032723 and Account No. 750434 3. Please identify yourself by name so payments will be correctly credited.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

A large crowd of Probus members gathered for the annual Christmas Luncheon at the Scottish Arms in December. The event was enjoyed by all despite a later

start than expected due to the large numbers attending. One of the highlights of the day was President Arthur's poem which he wrote for a young friend he met while travelling at Christmas time.

The Star of Christmas

By Arthur Delbridge

*It's the faces of the children
Sounds of carols in the air
All the shiny trees and tinsel
Tell the tale of Christmas Fare*

*It's the baby in a manger
In the stables of an inn
That for some holds all the meaning
Of the season coming in*

*But for me it's humble shepherds
And three men who travelled far
Just to wonder and to worship
Guided by an evening star*

*It's the message of the Angels
As they sing "Goodwill to men"
They foretell the hope of ages
'Neath the Star of Bethlehem*

*There are some who call it fable
Born of legend told by men
Of the simple Eastern stable
And the Star of Bethlehem*

*But I've found a special meaning
Since I can't remember when
In the story of the Magi
And the Star of Bethlehem*

*I can see it just as clearly
As the three who came so far
Through the mountains and the desert
Guided by the Christmas Star*

*You can see it every Christmas
Anywhere the World is free
Raise your eyes above the presents
And it's there atop the tree*

*And to those who'd banish Christmas
When they come here from afar
Let them mark their own occasions
And just leave ours where they are*

*Leave to us the joy of Christmas
Writ with history's ancient pen
Of the wise men and the infant
And the Star of Bethlehem*

*If your World is torn or troubled
There's no joy or peace with men
Join the wise men, and the shepherds
Find the Star of Bethlehem*

*When you drift along life's pathway
When you fear you're lost again
You might find the hope of ages
In the star of Bethlehem.*

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