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WHAT'S ON

11 th May	General Meeting
23 rd May	Dingoes 'n Roses Outing
31 st May	Coffee Club
1 st June	Committee Meeting
8 th June	General Meeting
28 th June	Coffee Club
23 rd September	Bundanoon Gilbert and Sullivan
30 th Oct-2 nd Nov	Proposed Bathurst Trip

I was a bit surprised when I started writing this Newsletter because I had to start putting in dates for the June meetings and that means half the year has zipped by and I hadn't really noticed. As they say, "Time flies when you are busy!" If you have the same feeling perhaps we should stop being so busy!

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	94
Non- Active Members	9
Life Members	1
Attendance Last Meeting	57
Visitors	5

Attendance of members at the April meeting was up on the previous month by eight but down by eight for the same meeting last year. We would really love to see some of the absentees along at the general meetings and the lunch afterwards. The old saying is true, "The more, the merrier!"



Gordon Dummer Reg Gilbert
John McDonald John Williams
John Sandilands

We wish our hard-working tour director a special *happy birthday* as Gordon has reached the big eight zero this month! Well done Gordon!

Of course, we wish all the others a happy birthday from all the club members as well!

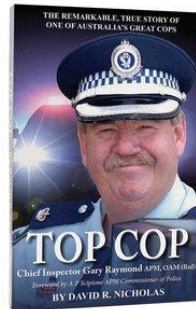
SPEAKERS

Club speaker at this meeting is Michael Gray. Michael's presentation is about the "The Camino de Santiago", also known by the English name St. James's Way and is the name of any of the pilgrimage routes, known as pilgrim ways, to the shrine of the apostle St. James the Great in the Cathedral of Santiago de

Compostela in Galicia in northwestern Spain, where tradition has it that the remains of the saint are buried.

This promises to be a very interesting talk as does the following presentation by Jeremy Strong on "The Winds of Change: The Rhodesian Bush War". This is an in depth look at the changes during and following the expulsion of Rhodesia from the Commonwealth and the events that followed. Jeremy has some interesting personal experiences to relate of this time.

Our Club speaker in June will be Bruce Rosenberg but the subject is still a well-kept secret.



The feature speaker scheduled in June is Chief Inspector Gary Raymond APM, OAM (Ret'd.) Dip.VET former NSW Ambulance, Police Rescue, Detective, Duty Officer, and now Chaplain Police Post Trauma Support & Welfare Officer. Detective Chief Inspector Gary Raymond's topic is entitled, "A Cop's Amazing Life".

COFFEE CLUB

The next Coffee Club will be held at the Lower Pavilion Room at Bradman Oval on the Last Wednesday of the month, 31st May at 10am, All members are invited to attend and made very welcome.

MEMBERSHIP BOOKLET UPDATE

Thanks to you all for bring your membership details up to date. The 2017-18 booklet is now available from Graham Warner at the entry table at this general meeting and for the next couple of meetings. Don't forget to pick up your free copy.

PRIVACY

The issue of the 2017-18 Membership Booklet, means the previous edition can now be disposed of but in a secure manner please. The lists contain personal and private information for the members of Moss Vale Probud only. In the wrong hands the information could be used for nuisance phone calls and emails or in a worst-case scenario provide details leading to identity theft. Would you please either shred the old copy or tear it into pieces before recycling.

BUNDANOON GILBERT AND SULLIVAN

Please note that the always popular Gilbert and Sullivan outing and lunch at Bundanoon is on again. Note the date (23rd September) but no bookings as yet. Be sure to put it in your diary.

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THIS MONTH'S ONE LINER!
I was addicted to the Hokey Pokey but I managed to turn myself around!

DINGOES 'n ROSES



———— DATE TUESDAY 23 MAY ————

This is somewhat urgent as your booking us required on or by 11th May at the meeting on that day.

A return visit to Thornton Bros Hydroponic Rose and Gerbera farm followed by morning tea in the packing shed while we see the roses being sorted into grades and stem length before shipment. Then to the Dingo Sanctuary for a B.B.Q. lunch then a fully guided tour of the Dingo enclosure.

This is a self-drive or car pool day. We'll meet at Bunnings corner and depart 9am for Thornton Bros at Thirlmere. Later we will move on to the Sanctuary around 12:15 for a BBQ lunch and the tour of about 60 minutes.

The cost is a bargain at \$25pp for this unique trip and this includes morning tea and lunch and members and their partners or friends are welcome..

Bookings and numbers are required before 11th May or at the May club meeting. Please join with your Probus friends to make this a great day out!

Contact Gordon Dummer with your booking at

gordon_dummer@bigpond.com (preferred)

or call him on 0418343556

Payments may be made in the usual ways.

PROPOSED BATHURST TRIP

Some of the details for this trip have been firmed up and your expressions of interest in attending are requested as soon as possible. The dates have been altered to Monday 30th October through to Thursday, 2nd November making it a three night and four day trip.

Some of the early organisation includes on Day 1 depart Bowral 8:30am to arrive Crookwell 10 am for morning tea then a quick visit to the Crookwell sock factory before leaving for Millthorpe for lunch at the Mill cafe which comes well recommended then onto Bathurst Heritage Motel for the three nights. Then on Day 2 drive to Oberon to visit Mayfield Gardens for lunch and on return visit some of the historical sites of Bathurst. Day 3 is still in the planning and any suggestions would be welcome such as a visit to the wineries of Orange or perhaps the old gold mining town Hill End. Evening meals will be organised in clubs and restaurants as usual. Full costing has not been completed as yet but will be similar to previous trips.

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 or speak to him at

PAYMENTS

Cash To the Treasurer at meetings.

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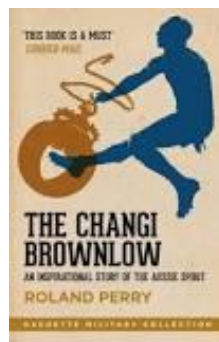
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3. Please identify yourself by name so payments will be correctly credited.

this meeting to let him know that you are interested as soon as possible or for additional information.

WORTH A READ!



I recently read an inspiring book about the fall of Singapore in 1942 and the subsequent building of the Burma Railway under the tyrannical Japanese guards. Whilst the title of the book is "The Changi Brownlow" it is really a biography of Peter Chitty, Victorian famer, sportsman, ambulance driver and POW as well as the other members of the Chitty family. It is an engaging

book written by Roland Perry who has many books on Australian history matters to his name.

The actual football competition was organised, along with other activities, to maintain morale amongst the thousands of prisoners and was run on strict lines with umpires and a judiciary as it was thought that matches could become farce at best and at worst, all-in brawls. However, this only takes up a small portion of the book with the remainder focusing on the construction of the railway and the efforts of the prisoners to survive the horrors of captivity.

I rate this book very highly and have no hesitation in recommending it as a *good read*.

The medal itself was adapted from a medal a soldier had bought before capture. Peter Chitty valued it far more than the British Empire Medal he received for carrying an ailing prisoner 100 kilometres along the tortuous and deadly route of the Thai-Burma railway. It is now located in the National War Memorial in Canberra.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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From the "Bristol Bulletin"

Outside Bristol Zoo, in England, there is a parking lot for 150 cars and 8 buses. The attendant was a pleasant uniformed man carrying a ticket machine and charging cars £1(\$1.40) and coaches £5(\$7). He worked there just for over 25 years except for Sundays which were free parking.

Then, one day, he just didn't turn up for work. The zoo management rang the council to complain but they stated that they didn't have and had never had a parking attendant at the zoo and they thought he was a zoo employee. The zoo staff declared that they had no responsibility for the parking area and no knowledge of the attendant either.

Sitting in his villa somewhere on the coast of Spain is a bloke who had been taking the parking lot fees, estimated at £400 (about \$560) per day at Bristol Zoo for the last 25 years. Assuming 6 days a week, this amounts to a couple of millions. The strange part is that nobody even knows his name and the police have been unsuccessful in their efforts to identify or locate him!