

PROBUS NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S ON

9 th November	General Meeting
29 th November	Coffee Club
7 th December	Committee Meeting
14 th December	Annual Christmas Luncheon
December	No Coffee Club this month

November rushes in and I hope you have started your Christmas shopping before the rush. Also bear in mind that the Probus Christmas Party is on in just over a month and you need to book your place before the end of the month.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	98
Non- Active Members	6
Life Members	1
Attendance Last Meeting	52
Visitors	2

We received two resignations this month, from John Mathew, who has been a member of our club since April 2011 and was previously at Terrigal Club for twenty years. He said he has "thoroughly enjoyed his years of membership". Also, Jeremy Strong, a member since October 2015. He is currently in USA and will be moving to Port Macquarie on his return.



After last month's birthday drought, we have quite a few people celebrating their birthdays this month. Happy birthday and best wishes for many more from us all!

John Body, Brian Collath, Tim Copes,
Patrick Fallon, Ron Hemming, Gordon McBeath,
Gavan McDonell, Brian Maher, Colin Stamm,
John te Wechel, Murray Walker, Allan Wright.

INDUCTIONS

David Clark has been accepted for membership. He has attended three meetings and will be eligible for induction in January 2018.

SPEAKERS

Continuing our series on power generation today's topic is DRED and our club speaker, Brian

THIS MONTH'S ONE-LINER!

My new mechanic is Korean but he's hard to understand - he speaks with a Hyundai Accent!

Collath, will explain how this innovation works and how it is set to rule our lives in the near future. How will this affect you? Don't be left in the dark, come along and get all the good information on DRED!

You will have noticed an energy theme with the speakers over the last few months and in keeping with that check out the new Mercedes AA Class, the first of their all battery power vehicles. Turn your speakers on and then [CLICK HERE](#). Are you going to be the first to own one?

Greg Bowyer will be speaking to us on the explosive topic, "Demolition of Munmorah Power Station and Other Industrial Structures". Don't miss this one, it will be absolute dynamite!

LUNCH OR SNACK POST MEETING

Last gathering for a snack and yack after the meeting today as we will be at the Christmas Function next time. So, if you would like to join us, downstairs in the Springs Room at the back of the Bistro soon after the meeting.

CLUB SURVEY

The results of club survey carried out a couple months ago are still available on our website. Click [HERE!](#) Remember, the committee would like to hear your feedback both good and bad at any time so please mention anything to one of your committee men.

COFFEE CLUB

Last coffee club for the year this month and the search for good news continues unabated with limited success. Why not join us and be at the lower Pavilion Room at the Bradman Cricket Museum in Bowral around 10am on Wednesday, 29th November.

Please remember :-

1. Pay.
2. Do not pay at the café but do pay at the meeting.
3. Please bring the correct change if possible. Cups are \$4 and mugs \$4.50.
4. Give your name when ordering,

Your assistance in following these requests will make Gordon a happy man! And we do want him happy!

CHRISTMAS PARTY



It's that time of the year again to start thinking about Christmas so I hope you kept Thursday, 14th December clear on your calendar for the annual Probus Christmas Luncheon. As previously

mentioned, we are having our luncheon at the Fitzroy Inn at 1 Ferguson Crescent, Mittagong.

Bookings are now open for this event and you are invited to book with the Treasurer Francis with payments being made in the usual manner. Payment via bank transfer is preferred making sure you identify the payment with your name. If you are paying cash please place it in an envelope with your name on it before giving it to the treasurer. Please note that capacity is limited to 80 so book early but definitely on or before the general meeting on Thursday, 9th November.

The cost this year has been subsidized by the club so you will only need to pay \$40 per person. This will give you a main course of Christmas Turkey with vegetables and Christmas Pudding with ice cream. Yum! We hope the subsidized cost encourages more members to attend and enjoy this social gathering. Please arrive around 12 for a 12:30 start.

A bar will be open and drinks are at your own cost.

Dress for this occasion will be casual or wear something with a Christmas theme if you like!

Preferred seating may be arranged by giving the names of your group to Francis when you book or by email fdebeaujeu@gmail.com (preferred) or 48623532.

BATHURST TRIP TRAVELOGUE

Wow! Gordon's done it again. This trip out to the Bathurst was a winner. A total group of 41 (20 members, 21 wives, partners and friends) owe him and Lyn a big thank you.

After an early start Monday 8 am we travelled from Bowral by car to Crookwell, 125 k, to do two things....visit the now famous socks factory (one of only three or four left in Australia) and have morning tea at the well-named Chataway Café. The socks factory is a little sad. No longer able to compete with China....for example, the wool Crookwell Socks uses, which may even come from the local area, has to be sent to China for scouring, (the local scourers have all closed) and back again. And the local, old manufacturing equipment can't compete with China's computerised machines. Then there is the difference in wages. Most business at this little factory comes via word of mouth.



Then on the road for another 136 k to the delightful, old (development from 1840) town of Millthorpe for lunch. Excellent. Good choice. And finally, 40 k to Bathurst, with us all staying in the 4 ½ star Heritage Motor Inn. Could not fault.

A short rest, some nibbles and drinks and off to the nearby *Kings on George* for dinner. The staff and



kitchen were not all that organised. Some of our group finished their meal before others were served and some meals were brought out that appeared not to have been ordered. But, actually, a lot of fun.

Day 2. A lazy start. Left the Motel at 10 am, after breakfast, and drove 50k south-east towards Oberon to go on a self-guided tour of the Mayfield Garden. Some of us (me included) did not know what to expect. Another Wow!

The brochure we were all given was headed, quite appropriately, as WHY YOU ABSOLUTELY MUST VISIT MAYFIELD. A sheep farm of 5,000 acres, its heart has been gradually transformed (and is still expanding) into what is now one of the largest privately-owned cool climate gardens in the world. How big is the garden? 160 acres! Walk for an hour or two and you still haven't seen it all.

There is a 6-acre water garden, cascading waterfall, bluestone bridge, Obelisk pond, a Grotto and running along a beautiful waterway. Plants!!! Everything...rhodendrons, hydrangea, maples, plain trees, azaleas, iris, bluebells, pompom trees, roses, aquilegia...etc. in every colour imaginable.

The words used by some of our group to have lunch at the Mayfield Café included...incredible, unbelievable, sensational and even holey moley!

That evening, after nibbles and drinks again, saw us at the *George on George* for dinner. Totally different from last night's venue. Immaculate, good food, excellent waitstaff and comfortable. Good choice, Gordon.

(Thanks to Max Powditch for this contribution. Like all good stories "there's more" so don't miss next month's newsletter. I would also like some photos of the gardens, cottage etc for the next edition. Can you help? Please email them to me if you can.)

PAYMENTS

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Cheque	Probus Moss Vale, PO Box 456, MOSS VALE 2577
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