

PROBUS NEWSLETTER**February 2018**Website: www.mossvaleprobus.org.au**PRESIDENT**

John te Wechel
4861 7679
jwechel@gmail.com

SECRETARY

Brian Collath
4869 2140
collath@bigpond.com

WHAT'S ON

| | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 8 th February | General Meeting |
| 14 th March | Valentine's Day |
| 23 rd February | Bowls Fun Day |
| 28 th February | Coffee Club |
| 1 st March | Committee Meeting |
| 8 th March | Annual General Meeting |
| 15 th March | President's Dinner |
| 4 th April | Port Hacking Lunch Cruise |
| 14 th April | Summer of Seventeenth Doll |

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

| | |
|----------------------------|----|
| Active Members | 96 |
| Non- Active Members | 6 |
| Life Members | 1 |
| Attendance Christmas Lunch | 50 |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Well February is a short month, so we have a short list of birthdays. We all wish you happy birthdays and many more!

| | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| John Deck | Geoff MacBean |
| John Maffey | Richard Miall |
| Brian Pemberton | Peter Wright |

INDUCTIONS

New member for induction into our club this month is John Rigden. John was involved in the oil and gas industry before his retirement and lists his hobby as antique horology. Uncertain about what horology is? It is to do with clocks, watches and barometers so this should make for an interesting talk some time!

Also, being inducted is a second member. David Clark, who is a retired dentist with interests in bowls, reading, scrabble and meeting people.

Welcome John, his wife Janet, and David.

COFFEE CLUB

The ever-popular Coffee Club was well attended with twenty club members enjoying a cuppa and a chat at the Lower Pavilion Room, Bowral Cricket Museum. Don't miss this regular event. The next meeting is the usual last Wednesday of the month, 28th February.

SPEAKERS

Our club speaker for February is Graham Warner with the intriguing title of "Tales from FOS". Followed by our guest speaker who is Paul Nemeth, the owner of Fish Fine Music, with the worrying title for all those who have huge CD collections of "Are CDs Dead? What Comes Next for Recorded Music?"

At our March meeting there will be no club speaker due to the Annual Meeting and the guest speaker will be John

FOR THOSE WHO HAD AN OLDER BROTHER!

When I was a boy, I had a disease that required me to eat dirt three times a day in order to survive... It's a good thing my older brother told me about it.

Jeremy talking about "A Century of Submarine Development" including the new billion-dollar program.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given of the Annual General Meeting of the Probus Club of Moss Vale, which will follow the General Meeting to be held at Mittagong RSL Club on Thursday, 8th March, 2018 at 10am. The agenda will include the President's Report, Financial Statements and the election of the executive and committee for the ensuing year. Those nominations have already been received for the positions are as follows:

| | |
|----------------|---------------------|
| President | Brian Collath |
| Vice President | Graham Warner |
| Past President | John te Wechel |
| Secretary | Graham Warner |
| Treasurer | Francis de Beaujeu |
| Membership | Geoff MacBean |
| Speakers | Malcolm Stephens CB |
| Tours | Gordon Dummer |
| Newsletter | Bruce Pearson |
| Public Officer | Graham Warner |
| Auditor | Frank Conroy |

Nominations are still open, but you need to get a nomination form from the secretary at the February meeting, complete it and hand it to the secretary prior to the Annual Meeting. Nomination cannot be received directly from the floor on the day of the meeting.

The following have been added to the committee as assisting committee members – Max Powditch, Richard Miall and Jim McGrath. It is anticipated that they will take roles on the committee on next year.

Your attendance at this meeting is invited to assist guiding the club through the next twelve months.

Note that this is not a lady's day this year which has been replaced by the President's Dinner (see next item).

PRESIDENT'S DINNER

To welcome the new club president and his committee we invite you all to come along to a celebratory dinner at the Shanghai Chinese Restaurant in Bong Bong Street, Bowral (opposite the Post Office). The date is on Thursday, 15th March starting around 6pm. This will be a banquet with tea and coffee and BYO. The cost is \$30 pp with bookings by the meeting on 8th March. Bring your partner along and enjoy an informal dinner with your club friends!

BOWLS FUN DAY

Last chance to join the Richard Miall's inaugural Probus Bowling Day. It's for those who would like to have a try at bowls, members and partners and we will begin

PRIVACY STATEMENT *This content is private and confidential and for the use of the Probus Club of Moss Vale members only. Please respect the privacy of members.*

bowling at 10:00 am. Bowls will be supplied for those who don't have them and there will be tutors to show you how and what to do. It will be all social, but I am told there is a "mystery prize" and a winner. You don't have to be good or have previous experience, just willing to have a go and have a bit of fun.

The only things you need are a pair of flat soled shoes and to come along prepared to give it a go, enjoy yourself and have some fun.



Spectators will be welcome all day and there will be a luncheon at the club for everyone to join in and enjoy.

The cost per person of this day of fun is:-

Bowls only \$15

Lunch and refreshments at your own expense.

The date is Friday, 23rd February and full details will be published in the new year. Any enquiries or bookings please contact Richard Miall (richardinfiji@hotmail.com) or telephone him on 0414345401 Join in the fun!

PORT HACKING CRUISE

Bookings are currently being taken for the gourmet two-and-a-half-hour lunch time cruise of Port Hacking, on



Wednesday, 4th April starting from Cronulla with a glass of champagne on arrival, bruschetta and garlic bread then your choice of prosciutto wrapped

chicken, or specially seasoned scotch fillet steak, or grilled barramundi and yes there's a choice of sweets too! All while cruising scenic Port Hacking and the surrounding National Park.

We will travel from the Southern Highlands to arrive at Bundeena where there is some parking available and depart Bundeena for Cronulla on the 11 am service to Cronulla, free of charge, to join the luncheon cruise at midday. This would be a good day to choose car-pooling if you wish. It's a little over 90 minutes to Bundeena from the Southern Highlands.

You are asked to select your meal when booking prior to the cruise and the total cost for this is only \$50. These orders will be collected once you are booked and paid. Pay in the usual way to book our trip.

Contact Gordon for additional information about the trip at gordon_dummer@bigpond.com

A BIT OF CULTURE

Only four vacancies left for his one so be quick to book! Come along and enjoy a meal followed by a performance



when the Mittagong Playhouse presents a the Australian favourite, "Summer of the Seventeenth Doll". The club has arranged to have lunch at the Lion Rampant Hotel, near the theatre at 12:30 followed by the performance at 2:30. This is bound to be an entertaining day out, but we **only have 20 tickets** so be quick for this one or you'll miss out!

The cost of this event is \$35 per person with lunch at your own expense and the date is Saturday, April 14th.

ANNUAL FEES DUE

Another reminder that your annual membership fee is now due for payment.

The membership renewal fee remains at \$40. This increases to \$45 if paid after the closing date which is 31st March. Joining fees have also remained the same being \$40 membership fee and \$40 administration fee which pays for badges, insurance etc.

Morning Tea at the general meetings remains at \$5.

Please make the payment in the usual way and be kind to our treasurer by clearly identifying your payment with your name. We wouldn't like our payment credited to somebody else, would we?

RSL MEMBERSHIP

If you have not already renewed your Mittagong RSL membership now is the time. Whilst your membership of the RSL is not obligatory it does have various benefits including a birthday drink and meal and the convenience of not having to sign in at each one of our meetings. In addition, it supports the RSL Club in a small way which in turn supports our Probus Club.

AUSTRALIA-BRITAIN SOCIETY

This highlands group meets several times throughout the year and is noted for the quality and entertaining speakers. This is advanced notice of their first function for the year on Friday, 2nd March at 5:30pm in the Henrietta Rose Room (adjacent from the Bowral Library in Bendooley Street, Bowral) when MICHAEL BAUME AO, former Senator for NSW and former Consul-General of Australia in New York, will deliver a presentation on "British Satirical and Humorous Verse: A Retrospect". Additional information is available from our club member, Malcolm Stephens. Any profit from these functions is donated to a charity.

BOOKING AND PAYING FOR CLUB ACTIVITIES

A reminder about booking and paying for club activities.

The preferred method is to pay by direct deposit into the club's bank account with your name so that the treasurer can identify the payment. Paying the correct amount for each separate activity helps as well but if you combine payments for several activities please email the treasurer and tell him what they are.

If you pay cash at a meeting or hand it to the treasurer at some other time please put the cash in an envelope with your name, the amount and the activity or activities you are paying for written clearly on the front.

Payments by cheques through the mail are delivered to the PO Box but it is not cleared every day so it is a good idea to let the treasurer or organiser know by phone you have booked.

All payments, including membership may be may by any of the methods above with the details listed below. Your co-operation will greatly assist the treasurer and excursion organisers.

Thank you for your co-operation!

| 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. |