

PROBUS NEWSLETTER**March 2018**Website: www.mossvaleprobus.org.au

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WHAT'S ON

8 th March	Annual General Meeting
15 th March	Last Chance -President's Dinner
28 th March	Coffee Club
31 st March	Last Day - Annual Fees Due
4 th April	Port Hacking Lunch Cruise
5 th April	Committee Meeting
14 th April	Summer of Seventeenth Doll

The Annual General Meeting has rolled around again and although the committee remains substantially the same there have been some changes in the areas of responsibility. Please take notice of these so you will be able to contact the appropriate committee member for any enquiries.

These are the only nominations received for the positions and as no more nominations will be accepted they will be ratified at the meeting.

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

We wish the committee an active and successful year and your support will be crucial in achieving this goal.

THANK YOU

It is times like this we sometime overlook thanking the committee for their work throughout the previous year. President John te Wechel has been an outstanding president and has led his team with quiet assurance. His friendly and good humoured approach has set the tone of the meetings and led to not only efficiently run meetings but has also made them enjoyable occasions.

His supporting committee has operated smoothly and efficiently, and we thank each and every one of them for their time, effort and contribution during the year.

COFFEE CLUB

Although there was a change of day this month, the Coffee Club was very well attended with over twenty

enjoying their coffee and discussion. We return to the last Wednesday in the month and will meet in the Lower Pavilion Room, Cricket Museum, Bowral on 28th March.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	98
Non- Active Members	6
Life Members	1
Attendance February	60

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This month we have one special birthday milestone and it is Les Lenny who will celebrate his ninetieth birthday. Well done Les! We all wish you happy birthdays and many more!

Richard Cant	Tom Currie
Piero Dal Bianco	Les Lenny
Johnathon Perse	Peter St Claire-Groth
Bruce Windybank	Ian Farquhar

SPEAKERS

At our March meeting there will be no club speaker due to the Annual Meeting and the guest speaker will be John Jeremy talking about "A Century of Submarine Development" including the new billion-dollar program.

Frank Tate is our April Club Speaker and he will be tackling the subject of "Geographical Disorientation". He will be followed by Peter Sweeney, the guest speaker who will present "The Fall of Singapore".

LAST CHANCE - ANNUAL FEES DUE

The clock has counted down and you are down to the last few days to pay your annual fees and remain a financial member of the club.

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.

ALSO VERY IMPORTANT - MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

The new membership booklet will be published next month. It will contain your name, partner, address, telephone, email, birthday and date of joining. Are the details we have about you correct? If you have moved, changed telephone number or any other detail please let



the membership secretary know immediately as we can only publish the details we have unless you tell us they have changed.

Also note that members who are not financial will not be included in the new booklet so please pay your fees and let us know any changes before 31st March.

LAST CHANCE TO BOOK - PRESIDENT'S DINNER

These bookings are now urgent as they close after the meeting today. 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! Check in with John te Wechel today!



BOWLS FUN DAY REPORT

As you will see by the photographs, the bowls day had a good roll-up of prospective bowlers. After some tuition on how to hold the bowl, which side to play and a quick summary of the rules it was down to some serious play. It appeared that the object of the game was to aim the bowl at the kitty and whilst that seemed reasonable at the time it was difficult to keep out of the gutter, on your own green, not bowl too hard/soft/left/right/wobbly/ bouncy.

It was a lovely day and all bowlers enjoyed themselves, but then bowlers are biased anyway!



PORT HACKING CRUISE

Now is the time to book for this great outing. It is less than a month away and all bookings are needed now so we can book tables on the boat. The gourmet two-and-a-half-hour lunch time cruise of Port Hacking, is on Wednesday, 4th April starting from Cronulla with a glass of champagne on arrival, bruschetta and garlic bread

MARCH'S ONE-LINER!

Got an e-mail today from a "bored housewife 33, looking for some action!" I've sent her my ironing, that'll keep her busy.

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

SEVENTEENTH DOLL

Bookings have officially closed for this function.

COINCIDENCE!

At the meeting last month I made mention of an obscure fact about the 1631 re-print of the Bible by printer Robert Barker. You will remember that he managed to leave the word "not" out of the Seventh Comandment which was supposed to read, "Thou shalt not commit adultery".

That same afternoon I was watching the quiz show on Channel 7 called "The Chase" and amazingly, there was a question about this on the show!

POSSIBLE HUNTER VALLEY TRIP

Early planning is underway for a 3 day/4 night trip to the Hunter Valley around October later this year. It would be similar to our other trips with lots of interesting activities and a variety of dining and wining experiences of course. We will be doing the tourist trails with visits to historical sites as well as boutique cheese, chocolate, brewery and wineries as well as other activities. These trips are always fun so if interested please let Richard Miall or Gordon Dummer know so planning can continue.

PLEASE NOTE

In Gordon's absence, Richard Miall will be dealing with activity bookings and enquiries during March. Richard can be contacted on 0414345401.

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.

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