



PROBUS NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S ON

9 th May	General Meeting
16 th May	Kangaroo Valley Hydro
29 th May	Coffee Club
3 rd June	Coffee and Chat for Ladies
6 th June	Committee Meeting
13 th June	General Meeting
18 th June	Fairground Follies Bowral
26 th June	Coffee Club
24 th July	Berkelouw Antique Books
12 th August	Nowra Naval Base
21-24 October	Port Stephens Trip

It has been noticeable in talking to the organisers of the various activities in the club that they are disappointed that their efforts are not fully supported by club members. It is appreciated that some members are ill or have other commitments that clash with the dates and times of some activities but there seems to be a general lethargy about being even bothered to put in a small effort to attend the occasional outing.

Whilst all outings are not suitable for everyone there are some that would suit everyone so we look forward to a little more enthusiasm and support from club members at these social events.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	92
Non- Active Members	4
Life Members	1
Attendance last meeting	54

Our membership this month reflects a number of resignations for various reasons and they were Ken Wilson, Geoff Piggott, John Barrow, Geoff Lansdown and Gordon McBeath. However, it was encouraging to welcome two new members and seven guests at our last meeting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Competition for this month's bottle of wine is down to four birthdays so good luck in the birthday raffle boys and have a happy birthday whether you win or come second!

Gordon Dummer	Reg Gilbert
John McDonald	John Sandilands

COFFEE CLUB

There was a disappointing turn-out at last month's Coffee Club to discuss the restaurants and

cafes of the Southern Highlands. More than 50 restaurants/cafes received comments and perhaps no surprise that some venues were rated good by one reviewer and not good by another. Those restaurants with the most favourable reviews (not in order) were Onesta, Josh's, Bowral Brasserie, House No.9, Toshi's, Seafood Affair, BD's (back room) and Bangkok House. And among the cafes...Café Rosso, Shaggy Cow, Coffee Culture, Bradman Café and Harry's Bar. Not rated so highly were The Mill, Biota, Eccetera, Birch and the café, Four Brothers.

For any member not able to come to last month's Coffee Club, copies of the form will be available at the front desk next Thursday. Please give the completed form to Gordon.

May Coffee Club will be on Wednesday, 29th May at 10am at the lower pavilion room at Bradman Oval in Bowral. The topic for our meeting is... "The Federal Election - what will happen now?" And we will also open the envelope with the predictions made at the January meeting. All welcome.

ANOTHER ELECTION ONE-LINER

Why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and your opponents will do it for you.

SPEAKERS

Peter Compton is our club speaker for May on the subject "Flying High" and he will be followed by our guest speaker and club member, Ron Epworth on his chosen topic, "A Difficult Birth and a Troubled Childhood - the Story of Bangladesh".

We are always on the lookout for both club and guest speakers so if you would like to volunteer as a guest speaker, which involves a short ten minute presentation on topic of your choosing or you know or have heard of an interesting speaker suitable for the longer guest spot please have a talk to Geoff McBean, who co-ordinates the program.

The club speaker for the June general meeting is John Rigden on a topic yet to be chosen, and our guest speaker should be very interesting to hear. It is Pat Fulton with her talk entitled "Turn on the Light, I Can't Hear You". I am sure a lot of members will find this an interesting talk, as it deals with hearing loss, which has significant impact on one in six Australians. Pat has asked for those who use

hearing aids to bring in any unused ones for a complimentary check.

KANGAROO VALLEY HYDRO SYSTEM

The visit to the Kangaroo Valley Hydro Scheme will take place on Thursday 16th May. Participants are asked to meet at the Botanic Gardens car park at 8:30am sharp so carpooling can be organised for the trip. The actual tour will start at 9:30am.

Note that the minimum clothing (PPE) requirements for site access are long sleeved shirt (high visibility preferred ie light coloured), long trousers and enclosed footwear (steel cap boots preferred but not essential). Anyone with a hard hat or safety glasses, please bring them on the day, if not they will be provided. There is no charge but lunch will be at one of the local venues at your own cost. There is still room for a couple more members to attend but you will have to get your names to Gordon. **Bookings close at the May general meeting 10th May.**

FAIRGROUND FOLLIES

This is one of those activities that should suit everyone! It is a fun local tour and is filling rather rapidly with only a few spaces left so please book in with Gordon at gordon_dummer@bigpond.com or book and pay online in the usual way.

It will take place on Thursday, 18th June. The guided tour will include seeing and hearing mechanical musical devices as well as the old traditional fairground attractions such as a magnificent old-time merry-go-round. You will hear their story from the owner and restorer with an included cup of tea/coffee and cake. The cost of this one is \$27.50pp.

This attraction is in Kirkham Road (near Reece Plumbing) so take advantage of this enjoyable outing with little walking in our own backyard! **Bookings close 14th June.**

HMAS ALBATROSS (Nowra)

We have applied for permission for members of Moss Vale Probus to visit HMAS Albatross (Nowra) on Monday, 12th August 2019. HMAS Albatross is the home of the Royal Australian Navy's Fleet Air Arm and its four operational flying squadrons. It is also the location of the Fleet Air Arm Museum.

The programme may include a bus tour of the base, a visit to 723 Sqn, 808 Sqn and 816 Sqn, inspection of an EC135 helicopter, an MRH 90 helicopter and a Seahawk helicopter, visits to HATS

flight simulator and Seahawk flight simulator, a visit to the HMAS Albatross control tower and the Fleet Air Arm Museum.

The tour will be followed by lunch at HMAS Albatross in the canteen where light meals and drinks can be purchased. Transport will be by private car and car pooling is encouraged for the day. Further information as it comes to hand.

Even though it is early you need to get your name to Gordon at gordon_dummer@bigpond.com to ensure your place on this tour. Partners are invited. **Bookings close 9th August.**

PORT STEPHENS OVERNIGHTER

The date has been set for the three night stay in Port Stevens. It is the Monday 21st – Thursday 24th October. We will stay at the Oaks Pacific Resort and day trips include a cruise and visits to many local attractions such as museums, galleries, wineries and sightseeing in this beautiful area. The total expected cost will be around \$600 per couple.

We need names now to confirm the resort booking. Please contact Gordon and once you have given him your name or if you have already given him your name please confirm your booking with a deposit of \$100 by your usual method.

Note: Bookings will close on 30th June. Definitely no late bookings!

COFFEE ANYONE?

Still looking for a few more participants in the coffee tasting and learning more about your own coffee machine to get the best results. The cost is \$20 p/p and we need 10 participants to make this work. A date will be arranged as soon as we get the ten people together. Names to Gordon at gordon_dummer@bigpond.com please.

BERKELOUW ANTIQUE BOOKS

The proposed meeting with Leo Berkelouw will be at the Book Barn on Wednesday 24th July (exact time to be confirmed), when Leo will give a brief talk on the history of the Berkelouws, their escape from the Nazis in Rotterdam and the development of the book business in Australia. There will then be a visit to the Antique Library to view the range and type of books bought and sold by that business. The visit is for both members and their partners.

Bookings and other enquiries will need to be made by contacting Francis de Beaujeu on 0418 448 921 or email at fdebeaujeu@gmail.com. The tour will end after the visit to the library and members can enjoy a lunch at the restaurant.

COFFEE AND CHAT FOR LADIES

The inaugural meeting of the Probus ladies for coffee and chat was a great success with eighteen participants. This will continue to be held on the first Monday of each month at 10.00 am at the Bradman Museum. Any queries please email Lyn Dummer on gordon_dummer@bigpond.com or phone/text on 0408408229.

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.