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WHAT'S ON

10 th Aug	General Meeting ~ LADIES' DAY
30 th Aug	Coffee Club
1 st September	Second Bathurst Payment Due
7 th September	Committee Meeting
14 th September	General Meeting
23 rd September	Bundanoon Gilbert and Sullivan
28 th September	Coffee Club
30 th Oct-2 nd Nov	Bathurst Trip
14 th December	Annual Christmas Luncheon

We are hoping for a big roll up for the Ladies' Day at the August General Meeting as we have two special speakers, morning tea and a bistro lunch planned. So let's make this a Ladies' Day to remember and ask your lady to come along with you now!

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	99
Non- Active Members	6
Life Members	1
Attendance Last Meeting	48
Visitors	4

As you can see, the attendance at the last meeting was very low and it is a pity so many missed what was both an interesting and enjoyable meeting. I know sometimes it is difficult because of ill health and many other reasons to put the effort into attending but I am sure that the effort will be rewarded by mixing with and sharing with other club members.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Another significant birthday has arrived for August and that is John McKenzie who celebrates his 80th year. Happy birthday John on this special anniversary!

To these August birthday boys, happy birthday and best wishes for many more from us all!

Randolph Barnes	Rob Chapman
Davis Deans	John Matthews
Jim McGrath	John McKenzie
Keith Stammers	Graeme Stapelfeldt
Fitz Wentworth	Ken Wilson

(PS Good luck in the wine draw as well)

INDUCTIONS

This month Brian Maher joins our club and a big welcome to the club Brian and to your partner Pat. Brian, an ex-mining engineer, lists his hobbies as "wine, women and song" so if we ever form a choir we have at least one recruit!

Please note that anyone wishing to join the club must attend a total of three meetings or functions as a guest prior to being invited to join the club. The nomination

form will then be submitted to the committee for consideration as usual.

SPEAKERS

Our special August speaker is David Browning on "Maternal Death in East Africa". This promises to be both interesting and informative and both members and their partners are welcome at this meeting.

The club speaker will be the entertaining John McCullagh who has entitled his talk "From Jumbos to Seaplanes". Make sure you invite your lady now so she can also enjoy the social lunch in the bistro afterwards.



Next month continues the tradition of interesting speakers and subjects with Chris Cotman "Parkinsons Disease; A Personal Perspective".

He will be followed by our guest speaker who is Robert Parker "Confronting our Nuclear Energy Fears for the Benefit of our Grandchildren". He is Currently President, Australian Nuclear Association and an advocate for the use of nuclear energy in Australia to address climate change. Don't miss this one!

VALE ~ ROGER BUCKLAND

Sadly, Probus member, Roger Buckland has passed away this week aged 80 years. Roger has been a respected member of our club since April 2004. As a long-standing member and a past committee member of considerable expertise he will be missed. We extend our sympathy to his family and friends.

CLUB SURVEY

President John is busy collating the surveys that were returned. The committee was disappointed that of all the surveys distributed only twenty were completed and returned. A report on the findings will be presented at the September meeting.

BATHURST TRIP

A good number of members have booked their place on the Bathurst Trip to take place from Monday 30th October through to Thursday, 2nd November. You can still join the happy tourers with a deposit of \$150 per single or couple using the usual methods of payment listed

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.

below. The total cost will be \$571 per couple or \$503 per single. This will cover accommodation, continental breakfasts plus most activities. A further \$150 will be required at the beginning of September to cover the cost of securing the motel rooms for our three-night stay with the remainder due at the October meeting. You will be responsible for the cost of lunches and evening meals.

The final itinerary has been published on the club website and can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

I will be sending out reminders to participants about the second payment later in the month but there is still plenty of room for you on this trip so contact Gordon at gordon_dummer@bigpond.com or speak to him at this meeting to let him know that you are interested as soon as possible.

FALLS PREVENTION

As you can see here, the talk given by Suzanne Cooney last month on Falls Prevention was a great success and a very active one too as evidenced by the photograph. Here are some members exercising their ankles vigorously as part of the programme! Anyone fall over this month?

Also, the associated free booklet on Falls Prevention has been acquired by the secretary and will be available at the Welcome Table. One copy per member please.



COFFEE CLUB

This may seem a little strange but members attending July's Coffee Club were stuck for words! Total silence briefly! Why? Because after talking about what is happening in our community and our world somebody said, "Can anybody think of any good news?" Can you think of any "good news"? If so come along to our next gathering on Wednesday, 30th August at the Cricket Pavilion in Bowral at around 10am and enjoy the coffee and company! And, don't worry, we will still be criticising the usual culprits as well!

LADIES' DAY

You may have not noticed this but the August general meeting is a Ladies' Day so ask your lady along to enjoy a very social outing with a bistro lunch to follow and please wear your name badge to this gathering.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Organisation for the Annual Christmas Luncheon is well under way so write Thursday, 14th December into your diary so you'll be able to attend and enjoy the day.

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The venue this year will be the charming Fitzroy Inn at Mittagong but menu and costs have yet to be verified. So keep an eye on your newsletter for further information and booking dates and don't forget to let your partner know as we all get very busy around that time of the year.

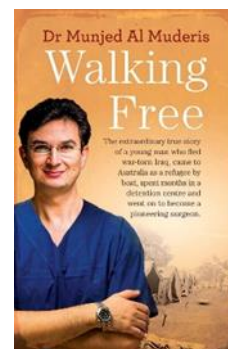
NOW IS THE TIME!



Bookings for this ever popular Gilbert and Sullivan operetta are officially open but be quick to secure your seats. It's at Bundanoon by the Sydney G&S Opera Company on Saturday, 23rd September at 2 pm. Allen Broome is organising the annual outing to this performance which will include lunch at 12 noon at the famous Bundanoon Hotel. The cost is \$25 per person with

lunch at your own expense. Book with Allen and make your payment in the usual way as listed below, making sure that you mark your payment with your name.

A GOOD READ ~ WALKING FREE



Author: Munjed Al Muderis (with Patrick Weaver)

Review by: Brian Collath

I found this a very enlightening read in finding, rather belatedly but still in the news, the real story behind the plight of ordinary people who have e.g. fled the tyranny and regimes of their homeland. This book has an Australian perspective of the treatment of these sad people in the hands of the Australian Detention Centres e.g. Curtin Detention Centre. I now know that this treatment was rather inhumane and inappropriate for most of them, but in the case of this book outlines the case of the author who was a well-educated Iraqi citizen up until he was in his late teens/early 20s and worked as a doctor in Iraqi Hospitals during the Iran/Iraq War, and the Kuwait invasion.

The crunch came for Munjed when he was asked to do something medical in nature that was against his principles, and knew that if he protested or refused to carry out orders he would be punished or even killed for not carrying out orders.

He chose to hide and flee, and eventually as a refugee boat person threw his passport away at sea en-route to Christmas Island. He was picked up by the Australian Navy and processed under the then Australian Government Guidelines.

His passion in Medicine was to be an Orthopaedic Surgeon specialising in osseointegration, where amputees walk again using the most modern robotic techniques. He is now one of the world's leading osseointegration surgeons, practising in Australia.

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THIS MONTH'S TWO LINER!

Murphy said his wife was driving him to drink. Mick thinks he's lucky because his wife makes him walk.