



Probud Club of Moss Vale Inc.

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### WHAT'S ON

9th February	General meeting
22nd February	Coffee Club
2nd March	Committee Meeting
9th March	General Meeting + AGM
23-24 March	Gosford Mini-Trip
29th March	Coffee Club

Well, it's been a hot time in the old town this month and no doubt we are all looking forward to the cooler months so we can complain about how cold it is!

### CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	101
Non- Active Members	11
Life Members	1
Attendance Christmas Lunch	67

The committee received a resignation from the club from Graham Balfe and accepted it with reluctance, noting Graham's service to the club over the years.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February is a short month so we have a short list but we wish you all a happy birthday and many more!

Pat Bowley	Ron Campbell	John Deck
Peter Wright	John Maffey	Richard Miall
David Sadlier	John Pemberton	Geoff MacBean

### SPEAKERS

This month we have Graham Rutledge Wilcox who is a genealogist and family historian and a member of the Society of Australian Genealogists. When he researched details of his great-grandfather Sir Arthur Rutledge, whilst tracing his family tree, he made a momentous discovery. Sir

Arthur was not only a Wesleyan Minister, lawyer, politician and judge, he played a crucial role in bringing together all the colonies to form Australia. This led Graham to write *The Struggle for Unity - A Story of the Federation of Australia*.

Club member, Chris Young will be giving us some information on "How to renew your mailbox in the Middle East" should you ever need it!

The speaker in March will be Andrew Want who will be telling us about re-newable energy options.

### THIS MONTH'S ONE LINER!

*If I had 50 cents for every maths test I have failed I would have \$6.30 by now!*



This month's Coffee Club was again well attended which was good to see. The next gathering will be on 22nd

February which is earlier than usual because of the short month so note it in your diary. All club members are welcome to the Coffee Club held in the lower room of the pavilion at the Bowral Cricket Museum at around 10am. Phone Gordon Dummer on 48624989 or alternatively send him an email at [gordon\\_dummer@bigpond.com](mailto:gordon_dummer@bigpond.com) for information.

### INDUCTIONS

Welcome to the club Rob Epworth and his wife, Barbara. Rob lists golf and rugby as his interests following his twenty-five years with the World Bank in Africa and Asia. Also a big welcome to Chris Cotman and his wife, Hilary. Retiring as a property consultant and auctioneer has left Chris time to follow his interests in tennis and rugby.

### 2017-18 CLUB FEES

You can well imagine that collecting over a hundred membership fees is a bit of a headache for our treasurer. To make his life easier would you please assist by doing the following.

If you are paying cash would you please place the money in an envelope with your name on it before handing it to the treasurer at a meeting. Similarly, if you are paying by electronic transfer, ensure that you identify yourself by name on the transaction.

It would also assist greatly if you could pay the fees by the end of February rather than wait for the cut-off date in March.

Membership if renewed prior to 31st March is \$40 and after that date \$45. Joining fee for new members is \$40 (includes badges etc). The morning tea subsidy will continue and the member cost will remain at \$5. Please pay your annual fee to the treasurer using one of the methods below before 31st March.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

### AGM AND CHANGEOVER

The meeting in March will be a General Meeting followed immediately by the AGM and Committee Changeover. After that we will have morning tea followed by the guest speaker. There will be no club speaker at the March meeting.

Ladies are invited to the meeting and speaker and/or the new president's welcome luncheon following the meeting. The meeting will run from 10:00 as usual through to 12:00 when there will be a break before lunch commences at 1:00pm. Please bring your partner along for either the meeting or the luncheon or both if you wish.

The luncheon will consist of a main course and dessert with wine on each table. There will be a bar open for those who prefer other drinks. The welcome luncheon will be held in the Nattai Room (adjacent to the meeting room) at 12:30 for 1:00. There will be tables of eight and if you have any preference for seating please contact Arthur on 48695453 or email him at [arthurdelbridge@gmail.com](mailto:arthurdelbridge@gmail.com)

The cost is \$46 pp and the bookings may be made in the usual way. Bookings are required by Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017. Please book early.

### TRAINS DAY OUT



Those who attended the Trains Day Out had a fascinating glimpse into the wonderful world of model trains. The attention to detail, the complicated electronics, and the sheer size and complexity of the layouts was amazing. Lunch afterwards at the Masonic Club was excellent and provided time to reflect on what we had seen. The pictures tell the story!



### GOSFORD TRIP

There are still a couple of rooms available for the Mini-Trip to Gosford but your booking is required immediately so that accommodation may be confirmed. This is the trip away that will appeal to everyone. It is a short one-nighter, no long walks, a bit of history, poetry, fabulous cars, a barbecue, a nice motel, a great dinner, a historic cruise with morning tea and lunch and all just a leisurely drive away.

**Date:** 23-24th March, 2017     **Travel:** Private transport

**Cost:** Couple \$ 250 or Single \$195

**Deposit:** \$100 and remainder to be paid by 2nd March.

Included in the cost are morning tea and lunch on Day 1, admission to the Henry Kendall Museum and guided tour, accommodation in Gosford RSL Hotel and the Postman's Cruise on the Hawkesbury River. You will need to pay individually for the visit to the Classic Cars Museum (\$20pp or \$12pp for blue pension card holders) and for your refreshments and dinner at the RSL Club Thursday night and breakfast.

The full itinerary is available on our website ([Click Here](#)) or by request. Please book early to avoid disappointment. You may book with Gordon at [gordon\\_dummer@bigpond.com](mailto:gordon_dummer@bigpond.com) (preferred) or call him on 0418343556 and pay the \$100 deposit in the usual way to the treasurer.

### REMINDER

Just a quick reminder it is that time of the year to renew your membership of the Mttagong RSL. This saves you from having to sign in every time but also gives you access to all the club facilities and to a wide range of discounts, not only within the club but also at various local businesses.

### RECEIVING MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS

There have been a number of questions about receiving the Newsletter each month. Please note the following for future reference.

1. The Newsletter is generally published on the Monday immediately prior to the monthly general meeting.
2. Those who have email addresses should find it in their "Inbox" either that day or the next.
3. Those who do not have the internet can collect their copy at the table at the door on the day of the meeting. If it is not collected it will be posted directly to your home.
4. If your email copy does not arrive please check your "Junk" folder. If it is delivered to the JUNK folder continually you need to adjust the "Junk" settings. This varies with the different email clients. In Outlook it is simply right clicking on that email and adjusting the settings to allow delivery to the Inbox. Others would be similar.
5. Other questions ..... ask me at a meeting

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### PAYMENTS

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