



PROBUS NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S ON

8 th November	General Meeting
28 th November	Coffee Club
1 st December	Last day to book and pay for the Christmas Party.
6 th December	Committee Meeting
13 th December	Probus Christmas Party
December	No Coffee Club this Month

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	96
Non- Active Members	3
Life Members	1
Attendance last meeting	64

This month we will induct Jurgen Eckel and his wife, Ailsa into our club. Jurgen enjoys classical piano, concert, theatre and travel. Welcome!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We have a lot of birthdays to celebrate this month for two reasons. Firstly, November has the most Probus birthdays of any month and secondly, we have the birthdays for December as well as we will not be having a general meeting in December but will be holding the Probus Christmas Party.

First November Birthdays

John Body	Brian Collath
Tim Copes	Patrick Fallon
Ron Hemming	Brian Maher
Gordon McBeath	Gavan McDonell
Colin Stamm	John te Wechel
John Worth	Alan Wright

And the December Birthdays

John Dash	Nick Locke
Tom May	David Simmonds
John McCullagh	

We have two significant birthdays this month. Patrick Fallon hits the seventy mark and Ron Hemming clicks over eighty years.

Happy birthday to you all from the members of the club and extra congratulations to the two members who have achieved another decade!

COFFEE CLUB

Quite a few ideas were brought forward about club functions, excursions and trips at the October Coffee Club and we thank those attendees for their contribution to the pool of possible outings.

This month's coffee club is on Wednesday, November 28. It is the last coffee club for this year, so we are looking forward to a big attendance.

The main topic for discussion is entitled, "It drives me crazy, but people just keep on doing it!" What is it that drives you crazy? Is it the endless ads on commercial TV, so called reality shows, the fact that you are the only person on the road who knows the road rules or perhaps the lack of respect for people in authority such as police or teachers? Whatever it is, turn up at the November Coffee Club, Lower Pavilion Room, Bowral Oval at 10am, Wednesday, 28th November and let's hear what drives you crazy!



SPEAKERS

November speakers are club member, Geoff MacBean who will speak on his "Adventures in New Guinea". John Hewson will follow and will address the subject of "Is Short Term Politics Killing Good Government?"

As December is our Christmas Party there will be no speakers at this function. There will however be a Newsletter available with the January details.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – BOOKINGS CLOSING

Another reminder about the annual club Christmas Party. It is approaching rapidly and if you are intending to come along and enjoy the company of your fellow members while sharing in a Christmas lunch and maybe a celebratory wine or two, now is the time to book.

The party is at Centennial Winery on Thursday, 13th December and all members and their wives are welcome. Plan to arrive around noon for a 12:30 start. Those who would like to book whole tables may

book in groups of eight but individual bookings are of course welcome also.

The menu will include barramundi and lamb as alternate drop with a vegetarian option provided as well. Crème Brule, crepes and cheese plates are planned for dessert. The bar will be open and you may purchase your own drinks as required.

Dress for this occasion will be smart casual.

The club has allocated a subsidy so that the cost for this popular event will be \$50 per person which may be paid in your usual manner but bank transfer is the preferred method.

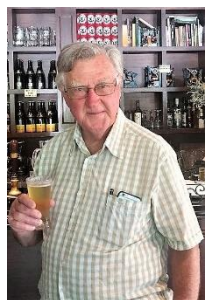
Bookings are required now as they will close a little earlier on Saturday, 1st December to allow for organisation of food and tables. Be quick and book now! Tables should be booked with Francis de Beaujeu either by email at fdebeaujeu@gmail.com (preferred) or by phone on 4862 3532.

*** If you have special dietary requirements, we need to know by the closing date. If you have lactose or gluten intolerance or if you are vegetarian the people at Centennial can cater for your needs. Just let us know and a meal to your requirements will be presented to you on the party day.

We are all looking forward to celebrating the occasion with as many members and wives as possible. There are already in excess of sixty booked.

SERENDIPITY SINGERS

The annual Christmas Concert by the Serendipity Singers is on again with performances at Bowral and Bundanoon at the end of November and early December. If you would like further information on this wonderful seasonal choral presentation, please click [HERE](#) or contact Graham Warner.



HUNTER VALLEY TOUR REPORT

What a wonderful time we had playing the tourist in the Hunter Valley. Thanks to our valiant tour leader Richard (seen here relaxing after a hard day guiding) everything went like clockwork right down to the electricity black-out which rendered the ladies' credit cards useless for three hours. Well done Richard!

On the Monday we had a leisurely drive to the quaint village of Wollombi where we enjoyed lunch at the Myrtle Café before a tour and tasting at our motel which happened to have a brewery attached. Happy Hour, which happened daily was always well attended in the pleasant surroundings of the motel pool and barbecue before progressing to dinner at Potters.

The following day we spent a delightful hour or so at the Hunter Valley Zoo which proved to be a hidden gem with close-up and interesting displays. But we dared not dally too long as the Hunter Gardens were waiting with a "train" ride through the lovely gardens with thousands of plants in bloom including a



massive display of roses. Lunch and a visit to the shops was next followed by a tasting at the distillery, happy hour and dinner at an Irish Pub.

Potters motel was a charming place and it was reported to me that a couple were sitting on their patio, sipping a glass of wine prior to happy hour when the wife was heard to say, "You know, I love you so much I do not know how I would live without you!"

A somewhat startled husband replied, "Goodness, darling, is that you talking, or the wine?"

"It's me," she said, "talking to the wine!"

Wednesday dawned bright and sunny and we set off to the Binnorie Dairy, with their cow and goat cheeses followed closely by an olive tasting where many took advantage of tasting a variety of oils and olives infused with different flavours. After a sparkling wine tasting and lunch at the Baume restaurant we retreated to Potters for happy hour and prepared for our tasty evening meal in Cessnock.

Thursday came too quickly and we packed and headed for home after enjoying our Hunter break.

Thanks to Graham Warner and Pam McCullough for their contribution of photographs. There are too many to include in this edition but I will add some to the December edition.



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.

FOR THE HUNTER TRAVELLERS FROM W. C. FIELDS
I cook with wine, sometimes I even add it to the food.