



# PROBUS NEWSLETTER

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### WHAT'S ON

7 <sup>th</sup> October	Coffee and Chat for Ladies
10 <sup>th</sup> October	General Meeting
21-24 October	Port Stephens Trip
30 <sup>th</sup> October	Coffee Club
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Coffee and Chat for Ladies
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Committee Meeting
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Press Club Canberra
14 <sup>th</sup> November	General Meeting
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Coffee Club
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party

### CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	99
Non-Active Members	5
Attendance last meeting	55

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Amazing as it seems, we only have one club birthday to celebrate in November! So we all wish Michael Ellis a big happy birthday and he won't need any luck at all in the draw for the celebratory bottle of wine.

Note: Those wishing to change their birthday to November and increase their chance in the lucky draw should obtain the appropriate form from the secretary.

### VALE BRIAN MAHER

Sadly, this month we lost another member when Brian Maker passed away. Brian has been a member since August 2017. To his wife, Pat and the rest of the family and friends we express condolences from all the club members.

### INDUCTIONS

Last month we were expecting to induct Ross Parker but due to a small hiccup in the best laid plans this will now take place at the October meeting. You will recall that Ross was in human resource and production management and now likes to spend some time fly fishing. Welcome again Ross and your wife Elspeth to the club.

### COFFEE CLUB

Thank you, Ross Nacey, for leading the discussion at the last coffee club. Ross introduced the demise of rugby union to the gathering and some interesting points were raised as possible reasons for the dramatic fall in popularity and participation.

This month we move onto a discussion about the ABC. All kinds of questions come to mind. Does the ABC meet your expectations as a broadcaster? Do you think it biased? Does it meet its charter? As CEO of the ABC what do you think should change?

A copy of the charter is available [HERE](#).

All members are welcome to come along with their opinions and enjoy the fun on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> October at the lower pavilion room at the Bradman Oval in Bowral.

### SPEAKERS

This month we take a journey with club member, Jurgen Eckel as he takes us on a journey to China for his topic is "Outside my comfort zone". The main speaker is Chris Russell AM who appears by kind arrangement with Claxton Speakers International. His topic is "Food Security and its implications for Australia" Chris is an agricultural scientist specialising in conserved fodder and intensive cattle feeding.

November will feature Bill Lane and his topic "Salt". The visiting speaker will see the return of Rob Parker from Berrima. You may remember Rob from a previous visit when he presented a very interesting talk about nuclear power. He is returning to update us on the latest developments and innovations in the nuclear power field.

### COFFEE AND CHAT FOR LADIES

Next meeting of this popular ladies' activity will take place on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 10.00 am at the Bradman Museum. All enquiries to Lyn Dummer at [gordon\\_dummer@bigpond.com](mailto:gordon_dummer@bigpond.com) or phone/text on 0408408229.

### PORT STEPHENS OVERNIGHTER

The departure date for those heading off for a bit of R&R in the Port Stephens district is approaching. Many of the group gathered for a social get together last week and to go over the itinerary and receive some helpful hints and explanations.

We wish them all safe travels and happy times during their trip. For any queries please contact Gordon on 0408408229.

When I was a kid, my parents always used to say "Excuse my French!" right after a swear word .... I'll never forget that day at school when the teacher asked if any of us knew any French!



### MIKADO

What a great success the Mikado Day Out proved to be once again! Fifty-four attended the lunch and performance at Bundanoon and thanks to Graham for the photos.



### PRESIDENTS LUNCH

In keeping with tradition, the ex-presidents met for their annual gathering and a spot of lunch. As you can see, they enjoyed themselves. Yet another good reason to join the committee and contribute to the decision making and the operation of the club. If you would like to become a committee member, please don't hesitate to inform one of the current committee members.



### TOURS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2020

While we are thinking about club activities, Richard Miall is researching various ideas and options for outings and excursions which would interest members during 2020. With the wide-ranging interests and experience of our members there must be a mine of suggestions waiting to see the light of day. Please let Richard know any thoughts, no matter how crazy, and he will get to work and report back to members and gauge what interest can be generated.

Contact Richard richardinfiji@hotmail.com or on 0414345401. He would love to hear from you!

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

The date is confirmed as 12<sup>th</sup> December and more details will be published in the newsletters as it becomes available.

### CANBERRA PRESS CLUB

You would probably remember Alexander Downer Australia's longest serving Foreign Minister and former High Commissioner to the United Kingdom well here is your chance to see and hear him address the Canberra National Press Club and a lunch on arrival. But you need to act quickly as we are limited to only twenty-eight participants.

The topic to be presented is 'Brexit and the Changing Politics of Europe: Lessons for Australia' and will take place on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November. Arrival time is 11:30am for lunch at noon and the speaker at 12:30 and finish at 1:30pm. Travel will be by private vehicle with car sharing essential as we only have seven reserved parking places. Departure should be by 9:00am to ensure plenty of time. The Press Club is located at 16 National Circuit, Barton in Canberra.

Cost is \$40 per person. Both members and their wives are welcome, but attendance will be on a first come-first served basis. If you miss out on this one, it is proposed to apply for another date next year.

The booking procedure is as follows .....

1. Book in with your name to secure your place by phone on 0409 374 741 or in person at the general meeting.
2. Pay the \$40 per person by Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October using your usual method.

Enquiries to Jim McGrath on 0409 374 741.

### AUSTRALIA-BRITAIN SOCIETY

The special speaker in November is Lieutenant Colonel Sharryn Parker who will present "Afghanistan: From Kandahar to Kabul - One Soldier's Operational Perspective of Australia's Longest War". She will talk about her operational experiences in two Afghan cities and two diverse roles. Friday 1 November at 5.30pm to 7.00pm at the CWA Bowral Branch Rooms in Wingecarribee Street, Bowral. Cost is \$25 per person which includes refreshments and canapés. Profits donated to charity. This is not a club organized event so please pay directly to the society. Members and their wives are invited to attend this event.

Enquiries to Malcolm Stephens on 48 691 245.

### 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.