



# PROBUS NEWSLETTER

## November 2019

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### WHAT'S ON

12th November	Press Club Canberra
14th November	General Meeting
27th November	Coffee Club
2nd December	Coffee and Chat for Ladies
5th December	Committee Meeting
5th December	Christmas Party Bookings Close
12th December	Christmas Party
December	No Coffee Club this Month
25th December	Hope you have been good!

### CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	94
Non-Active Members	6
Attendance last meeting	60

Attendance was up at last meeting and in fact it is the highest attendance at a general meeting this year. The resignation of Fitz Wentworth was received during the month of October.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Brian Collath	Jurgen Eckel
Patrick Fallon	Ron Hemming
Gavin McDonell	Colin Stamm
John te Wechel	John Worth
John Body	Tim Copes

### INDUCTIONS

Our membership continues to expand this month with the induction of two new members. The first is John Brereton who leaves behind an extensive career in sales and marketing to join us in the Southern Highlands with his wife Shirley. He now enjoys golf and bridge.

Our second inductee is Bruce Hart who was a farmer and Minister of Religion prior to his retirement and leads an active retirement with bush walking, bike riding and caravanning with wife Lyn.

Welcome to the club John and Bruce.

### COFFEE CLUB

Well discussion carries on apace at the monthly coffee club. This month we were required to move upstairs in the pavilion which provided panoramic

When a wife suggested to her husband that they renew their marriage vows he was very excited and replied that he had not realised that the first lot had finally expired.

views of Bradman Oval but we expect to return to the lower room next month.

The October topic on the ABC saw the usual variety and differing opinions we usually encounter and it was decided that we will revisit this again in six months' time.

In November we are posed with a problem that we all encounter regularly, that of traffic and parking throughout the southern highland villages despite plans to rectify the problem. What do we need to change? What's your answer to the problem? Is the council actively implementing solutions?

Wednesday, 27th November around 10am at the lower pavilion room at the Bradman Oval in Bowral is the place to be to discuss this problem.

There will be no Coffee Club during December due to its proximity to Christmas.

### SPEAKERS

November will feature Bill Lane and his topic "Salt". Rob Parker from Berrima will be presenting a follow-up to his previous visit called, "Nuclear Energy and its Role in a Carbon Constrained Australia". This proved of great interest to members last time and this should add further considerations to the role of nuclear energy in Australia.

As we will be enjoying our annual Christmas Party on the usual meeting date in December there will be no speakers until January.

### COFFEE AND CHAT FOR LADIES

Next informal gathering is Monday 2nd December 10.00 am at the Bradman Museum. Any enquiries to Lyn Dummer at [gordon\\_dummer@bigpond.com](mailto:gordon_dummer@bigpond.com) or phone/text on 0408408229. No meeting will be held in January.

### CANBERRA PRESS CLUB

The trip to the Press Club in Canberra is tomorrow (Tuesday) and we wish them safe travelling. Thanks to Jim McGrath for your organisation of this event.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

As previously announced bookings are now being taken for the annual Christmas Party and will close on Thursday, 5th December. If you wish to attend please book before that date so that catering arrangements can be confidently organised. This also applies if you wish to cancel for some

unexpected reason so we will have time to cancel at the restaurant and organise your refund.

Details are as follows –

**Venue:** Centennial Vineyard Restaurant

**Date:** Thursday, 12th December

**Time:** 12.00 for 12.45

**Menu:** Main Meal - Barramundi or Pork (Alternate)

Dessert - Creme Brulee or Cheese Plate

\*\*Vegetarian options available on request.

**Cost:** \$55.00 per person, payable in advance to Moss Vale Probus as per below.

*Please note that this function is being subsidised by the Club to the extent of \$10 per person.*

**Wine and other drinks**, other than water, will be at the participants' request and independent payment to Centennial. The seating plan is tables of 8 and if you wish to be placed together with other members, please advise us when booking your participation on this event. Please advise one of the following of your participation and seat booking:

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Thank you to Francis and Arthur for their work on this project.

### PORT STEPHENS TRIP



The much-anticipated getaway north to Nelson Bay was a resounding success for all who attended.

In his tenth year as tour organiser; fifth as event commander, Gordon Dummer employed his clearly consummate skills directing the activities of 33 diverse PROBUS members, partners, in an ideal balance of activities, free time and socialising.



Tour days involved a main excursion – the Barramundi farm, the ferry trip and the night cruise – intermingled with sensible lunches and dinners

and of course the daily happy hour at five. Each day's activities started late morning which gave tourists time for a post breakfast stroll and coffee.

When asked to offer one highlight of the trip above all others, the resounding response from participants was, the opportunity to spend time with a good group of friends and the camaraderie that was shared between us all.

Thanks to Ross Nacey who wrote the above report. I would like to add that there was a small surplus (\$231) from the Port Stephens tour and it was decided at the committee meeting to forward this to BlazeAid, a volunteer-based organisation that works with families and individuals in rural Australia after natural disasters such as fires and floods. Working alongside the rural families, the volunteers help to rebuild fences and other structures that have been damaged or destroyed.

If you would like further information on this organisation [CLICK HERE](#).

### TRAVELLERS BEWARE

Brian Collath recently exchanged some money at a local bank for English pounds and, amazing as it may seem, the notes were no longer legal tender. Apparently, from time to time some, English currency, both notes and coins, is with-drawn and replaced rendering the old currency useless for retail purchasing which could prove very embarrassing when travelling. The withdrawn currency can be exchanged at a bank or a money exchange where you do not receive the full value eg. some pound coins you receive only 75p which could also be very annoying considering the current exchange rates!

### OUTING 2020

Last month Richard Miall asked for suggestions for future outing and the response was very poor. Gordon is now asking you to consider some of the ideas for the coming year. He was hoping to visit the container transfer centre at Moorebank in February but for safety reasons this has fallen through as major construction is still underway.

So, Plan B is a visit and tour of Sydney University's magnificent sandstone buildings and gargoyles plus the history of the university. Yet to be confirmed but it is anticipated that this could be in February.

The second suggestion is to visit the waste transfer station where our local recyclables are sorted at Jacks Gully Narellan possibly in March. If you are interested in either of these please let Gordon know and any other suggestions as well!

### PAYMENTS

Cash To the Treasurer at meetings.

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