



# PROBUS NEWSLETTER

## November 2020

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### GENERAL MEETINGS

This is a complex question and has been at the top of the agenda for every committee meeting since March. It has been agreed by the committee that in order to create a Covid-19 Safety Plan and to respond to all the requirements of our meeting place at the Mittagong RSL Club that realistically the date to consider resumption would be January next year.

This should not be considered as definite as, although NSW is in a good situation currently, nobody can forecast what the situation will be at that time.

The position of Covid Marshall and general enforcer of the required social distancing has been taken up by Arthur Delbridge.

The committee will continue to monitor the situation. Should you have any enquiries please contact any member of the committee.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November birthdays in the draw for a bottle of wine to the luck winner are:-

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

The lucky happy birthday wine winner for the month of November is Ron Hemming.

Congratulations also go to Colin Stamm who reaches a significant milestone. Best wishes for you 80<sup>th</sup> birthday Colin from all the club members.



It's time for a party! The club has organised a Christmas Party and whilst they will not be like other years, you are still guaranteed of good food, good wine and a good time and a chance to see your other Probus members again (but not up close and personal).

The function will be held at the Carrington room at the Mittagong RSL Club on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> December from 12 noon until 3 pm. There will be a

three-course set menu with alternate drop so you can negotiate with your wife as to who gets what.

Members attending will be required to sign in and out with a membership card or a drivers licence. Everyone will be required to sit at tables (unless an emergency arises) and mingling as we usually do will not be permitted.

The cost is \$50 per person for the meal with drinks at your own expense. This cost is being subsidised by the club this to keep costs down.

To conform to current requirements and for your safety we are limited to 70 attendees.

To join us at this function you need to do two things.

1. Send an email to Geoff McNamarra at <mailto:5860gm@gmail.com> telling him your name and the number attending.
2. Pay the appropriate amount for your booking via bank deposit to the club's account.

### 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.

This year has been one to forget so let's make the Christmas Party one we will all remember!

### COFFEE GROUPS

We encourage you to keep in contact with fellow members during this time and a coffee at a venue of your choice is an excellent way to do this. Grab your membership list and ring half a dozen members and arrange for a chat and a coffee.

I know that some members are already doing this so why not join in.

### WRECKLESS DRIVING

Jim McGrath showed a small booklet to me called "Wreckless Driving" which was issued in 1944 to the armed forces including the United States of America for the troops stationed in the Northern Territory.

As well as the catchy title, at the bottom of each pages there are safety one-liners such as ...  
"Any corner might make a mourner".  
"Your accident is a victory for the enemy" and

and the lives of others and keep his vehicle in the fight.

Crippled men and grounded trucks can't win a war! Study the traffic rules and the accident causes —then let them dictate your driving habits!

## 2. PRINCIPLES OF DRIVING

- (1) Keep your vehicle as far as possible to the left side of the road, but protect the road by not driving on the edge of the bitumen or the shoulders.
- (2) Pass other vehicles on the right hand side, and sound your horn before passing.
- (3) Don't brake suddenly except in an emergency.
- (4) Don't cut in after passing another vehicle.
- (5) Don't overtake on a hill or curve, in a dust cloud, or when another vehicle is approaching you.
- (6) Move over to allow faster moving vehicles to pass.
- (7) Learn, give and obey the recognised traffic signals.
- (8) Do not exceed the speed limits.
- (9) Always drive at such a speed that you can stop your vehicle within the unobstructed length of road you can see in front of you.
- (10) Don't drive so close behind another vehicle that you could not pull up in time to avoid a collision if the fellow in front stops dead without warning.
- (11) Slow down on curves, when crossing bridges and railway crossings, when passing pedestrians and when in a dust cloud.
- (12) Keep your vehicle and yourself in safe driving order.

Any corner might make a mourner

## THIS LICENCE SHOULD BE ISSUED TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS

1. "Know all" kids
2. Nagging wives or husbands
3. To the "free loader" who keeps criticizing your driving.
4. To those who pull out the choke to hang their bag on
5. To the person who keeps reminding you, petrol was cheaper there, than where you bought it.
6. To the navigator who screams "turn left now", when your doing 100k's, on the outside lane.

7. ....

(YOU FILL THIS ONE IN)

BUY ONE AND LET **THEM** WORK OUT

WHICH CATEGORY **THEY** COME UNDER!!!

"Slow down soldier - Your family prefers you to a pension!"

As far as speeding goes, it lists recommended speeds so if you are driving a staff car, jeep or motorcycle the maximum speed allowed is 30 mph, while a tank transporter is limited to 15 mph. Even ambulances are limited to 30 mph unless there is a case of "grave emergency" when the medical officer had to get his "Work Ticket endorsed accordingly". Interestingly, the RAAF seemed to be allowed to drive 10 mph faster than the other forces!

Vehicles had limits as to the number of personnel they could transport so a jeep could carry three in "Marching Order" or four without equipment.

There appears to be some discrimination between the armed forces as to what documents must be carried. The Australian forces required their identity car, identity disc and the traffic code. The American forces needed all of the above plus a driver's licence and an accident report! Perhaps they were not very good drivers?

### ANOTHER LICENCE

I also came across another licence recently that claimed to be an "Australian Back Seat Drivers Licence". On the page one you filled out the name of the person so that it could be presented on an appropriate occasion. On the next page is a copy of the people who might qualify for such a licence!

### COVID CORPORATE PROBLEMS



"OK. Which one of you called me a \*#@!#@\*!"  
**SHE HAD AN EYES FOR HIM**

A man is dining in a restaurant and a gorgeous redhead sitting at the next table. Suddenly she sneezes, and her glass eye comes flying out of its socket towards the man. He reflexively reaches out, grabs it out of the air, and hands it back.

Oh my, I am so sorry, " the woman says as she pops her eye back in place. "Let me buy your dinner to make it up to you, " she says.

They enjoy a wonderful dinner and drinks together. They talk, they laugh, she shares her deepest dreams and he shares his. She listens.

After paying for everything, she asks him if he would like to come to her place for a nightcap and stay for breakfast.

The next morning, she cooks a gourmet meal with all the trimmings. The guy is amazed! "You know, " he said, "you are the perfect woman. Are you this nice to every guy you meet? "

"No," she replies, "You just happened to catch my eye."