



# PROBUS NEWSLETTER

## January 2021

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**PRESIDENT**  
Malcolm Stephens CB

**SECRETARY**  
Jim McGrath

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### WHAT'S ON

14 <sup>th</sup> January	General Meeting
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Coffee Morning at Eling Forest
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Men's Coffee at Bradman
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Ladies' Coffee@Bradman
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Committee Meeting
11 <sup>th</sup> February	General Meeting
18 <sup>th</sup> February	BBQ Fitzroy Falls Picnic Area
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Coffee Club

### GENERAL MEETING

Topping the list of 'What's On' this month is the first General Meeting, not only for this year but for quite a while. Come along and catch -up with your Probus friends and enjoy the meeting, speakers and social gathering.

There are some small restrictions because of Covid, mainly to do with signing in at the door but these should not inconvenience us at all. Simply sign in or swipe your card at the door, then register your attendance using the government QR code on your mobile phone and proceed to the Alexander Room as usual. At the meeting, please find a seat at a table and whilst you are free to move from table to table please remain seated as much as possible. There is no requirement for wearing masks. Morning tea will be served as usual.

Looking forward to seeing you there on Thursday!

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**IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL OR HAVE SYMPTOMS SUCH AS COUGH, SORE THROAT OR HIGH TEMPERATURE PLEASE RESPECT THE SAFETY OF OTHER MEMBERS AND DO NOT ATTEND ANY PROBUS EVENT UNTIL THE SYMPTOMS HAVE EASED.**

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### ANNUAL FEES

Quite a number of members have already paid their annual membership fee. Have you paid yours? Remember, the membership renewal fee this year has been lowered to \$20 and is due no later than the end of March. Our treasurer would love to receive your 2021 membership fee as soon as possible. So make him happy please!

The fee for new members will remain at \$40 nomination fee which covers badges, registration etc plus a \$40 membership fee which reduces depending on the date of joining.

The \$5 morning tea fee at general meetings will remain as is and can be paid at the Welcome Table at the door at each meeting.

### PAYMENT DETAILS

Online	Probus club of Moss Vale BSB 032723 Account 750434 Identify payment with your name.
Cheque	Probus Club of Moss Vale PO BOX 456, MOSS VALE, 2577
Cash	In an envelope to the treasurer and identify payment with your name



There is a huge list of January birthdays to celebrate this month and we wish you all well at the Birthday Draw which will be held at the meeting in January. The birthdays are .....

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| Rob Epworth   | Keith Huxham   |
| Martin Lemann | Tim Lunham     |
| Noel Symonds  | Walter Wilson  |
| Alan Wigzell  | Marcus Maclean |
| Hugh Scott    | Bruce Hart     |
| Chris Young   | Frank Tate     |
| Steve Floyd   |                |

In addition, we will be present all the bottles of wine to the birthday winners who won during our period of Covid hibernation and they are .....

- April - John Browne
- May - Reg Gilbert
- June - David Forbes
- July - David Raines
- August - Geoff McNamarra
- September - Francis de Beaujeu
- October - Michael Ellis
- November - Ron Hemming
- December - David Simmonds.
- Eyes Competition - Gordon Dummer

### COFFEE CLUB

More good news! Our men's Coffee@Bradman will recommence on the last Wednesday of each month as usual. We will meet on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 10 am at Bradman Cafe for our usual friendly coffee and chat. Please order and sign-in at the café before joining the group.

## SPEAKERS

Jim McGrath is the club speaker at the January meeting and will be presenting information about our parent body, the PSPL, followed by the guest speaker, Simon Longstaff. Dr Simon Longstaff has been Executive Director of The Ethics Centre for 30 years, working across business, government and society. He has a PhD in philosophy from Cambridge University, is a Fellow of CPA Australia and of the Royal Society of NSW, and an Honorary Professor at ANU National Centre for Indigenous Studies. Simon was made an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in 2013.

In February we have club speaker, Alan Wigzell with "Memories of the Mining Boom". Our guest speaker will be the interesting Wal Walker who will be talking about his book "Jane and Darcy". Wal Walker, a descendant of Darcy, tells his family story of the enduring romance between Jane (Austen) and Darcy, lifting the veil of secrecy that has hidden their love story for over two hundred years.

Too good to miss!

## ELING FOREST

Bookings are closing (Thursday, January 14) for members and their wives to attend a coffee and cake morning tea at the lovely Eling Forest Café and Winery. This will be held on Tuesday, 19th January at 10am. The cost is \$15 per person and for that you will get a coffee or tea and a generous slice of cake or scone, jam and cream. I have tried it and it comes highly recommended and is in a lovely setting.

Those who would like to taste or buy wine at the cellar door are welcome to do so.

The Eling Forest Winery Café is located on the left side of the Hume Highway heading south so the best and safest way to access it is to enter the Hume Highway at the Berrima on ramp heading south and then turn left into the café. It is well sign-posted and is located just short of the Illawarra Highway exit ramp.

Please book and pay by your preferred method.



## BBQ

Keep Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> February free for our previously cancelled barbecue lunch. Weather permitting, we will be meeting at the Fitzroy Falls Picnic Area (just past the National Park entrance) for morning tea around 10am and then lunch around 12 noon. The park is well equipped with several electric barbecues, a sink with boiling water for tea/coffee and plenty of tables and seating. The seating is bench style seating so if this does not suit you are welcome to bring your own.

In fact, it is a bring-your-own-everything day so bring whatever you would like to eat or drink but

most of all come along and enjoy the day with your fellow Probus members. We had many bookings for the cancelled barbecue, so we are looking forward to a big crowd.

There is no cost for this day and more information will be published in the next couple of newsletters and no need to book.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY



Some of the members celebrating Christmas at our annual dinner.



## NOTICE OF MOTION

At the February General Meeting of the Moss Vale Probus Club the following motion will be presented to the members for discussion followed by a vote. This motion seeks confirmation of the decision approved unanimously by the Committee at the Meeting of 7th January 2021.

The Motion ... "That this General Meeting of Probus Moss Vale confirms the recommendation unanimously passed by the Committee at their Meeting of 7th January 2021 that the term of the 2020 President Malcolm Stephens CB., be extended for a further year, due to special circumstances in compliance with Clause 4, Section a) of the Constitution."

## COMMITTEE CHANGE

Due to Ross Nacey's request to move to the non-active member list Michael Hissey has accepted the position of Acting Membership Officer until the confirmation of the new committee in March. Thanks Michael and please make yourself known to Michael at the Welcome Table each meeting.

## LADIES' COFFEE@BRADMAN

This will recommence on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> February at the Bradman Museum Café and all ladies will be welcomed at this social gathering.