



PROBUS NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT
Malcolm Stephens CB

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WHAT'S ON

8 th April	General Meeting
19 th April	New Airport Visit (On again)
28 th April	Men's Coffee @ Bradman
30 th April	Directory Changes Close.
3 rd May	Ladies Coffee @Bradman
6 th May	Committee Meeting
13 th May	General Meeting

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Does this scene look familiar? At the March Annual Meeting we witnessed the first time in club history that the club president was inducted for a second term by the past president who is also serving a second term. This of course is all because of the pandemic which affected us last year. Here we have the "old/new" president for 2021-22, Malcolm Stephens being introduced to the meeting by the "old/new" past president, Graham Warner.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A happy birthday to all the April birthday boys. Enjoy your day and good luck in the draw.

Barry Todd	Graham Balfe
John Browne	Stan Donnelly
Derek Barnes	Allen Broome
Graham Warner	

Allen Broome has special reason for celebration on reaching his ninetieth birthday!

MEMBERSHIP

Our current membership has dropped a little over the past few years. At this time we have 80 active member and 16 non-active members making a total of ninety-six which is somewhat below our ideal member level. Of course, the lack of activity during the Covid lockdown is partly to blame but we still need to be aware of possible new members.

If you have any friends who might be interested in joining our little group, please invite them along to experience the fellowship of our club. Prospective members are required to attend three meetings before being invited to join Probus.

INDUCTION

We welcome Viv Gear to the club at this meeting. Viv comes to us after a busy life in insurance management but now wants to devote more time to his extensive list of hobbies such as photography, music, travel, family history, reading and bowls. We hope to see Viv and his wife Vivienne at our meeting and activities soon.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The new club membership directory is in preparation and will be published and distributed at the May meeting. If you have any changes to your details, please advise Michael Hissey of these prior to the end of this month so they can be included in the new edition.

A draft copy will be available at the Welcome Table at the April general meeting for you to check your entry and make corrections.

SPEAKERS

This is a little bit complicated this month. Our scheduled club speaker is Geoff McNamarra and his topic is "Henry Ford—The Man", the founder of the world wide motor manufacturer who is credited with the development of the mass production line.

However, Geoff's talk may be postponed so that we can listen to a presentation by Sergeant Jeff Morgan of Goulburn Police Station who is speaking to groups about the prevalence of scams targeting older people and how to spot and avoid them.

Scott Connolly who has 10 years clinical experience working as an Accredited Exercise Physiologist in private practice and is well qualified to speak on "Exercise as you age" will follow.

Speakers for our May meeting will be published in the May Newsletter for your information.

COFFEE CLUB

The highly popular monthly coffee club is back to full strength with over twenty members attending and enjoying an interesting and revealing discussion of the 1979 Luna Park Ghost Train Fire at the last meeting. The depth, extent and breadth of knowledge of members never ceases to amaze me.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 28th April at 10 am at Bradman Cafe for our friendly coffee and chat. Please order and sign-in at the café before joining the group.

DEATH OF CLIVE LEE AM

News has reached the club of the death of Clive Lee AM aged 95. He was President of our Club in 1994-95. He had a great interest in athletics and indeed any sport. He was one of the greatest Australian Athletics administrators having been the Secretary/CEO at Athletics NSW for 20 years, Life Governor of Athletics Australia and life member of Athletics NSW. As well Clive was involved in Commonwealth and Oceania Games over many years. He was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 1990 for his services to athletics in Australia.



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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

LADIES' COFFEE@BRADMAN

All ladies are welcome to join in at the monthly Ladies' Coffee @ Bradman gathering. Next month it will be on 3rd May at the Bradman Museum Café. Phone/text Jennifer Collath on 0425 236295 to let her know you are coming please.

WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT VISIT - AGAIN

This outing was postponed due to flooding last month but has been rearranged for Monday, 19th April at 10 am. Other details remain largely the same. We will visit the multi-million dollar interpretive centre where we will be treated to a guided tour of displays, plans and videos of the work being undertaken on this massive project followed by a viewing of the current works followed by lunch at the Panthers Club in Penrith. Transport will be by private car and ride sharing is suggested.

You will need to re-book or book if you have now decided to attend.

Both members and their wives are invited to attend but we are strictly limited to 30 on this tour so book by either sending an SMS to Gordon on 0418 343556 or email him at gordon_dummer@bigpond.com

The first thirty will be accepted and others will be placed on a waiting list in case of any withdrawals.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

At the April meeting there will be a several ideas put to you and you will be asked to express your interest or not in the suggested activities for the club. Your input is vital to access the viability of these activities so we look forward to your input.

- Quarterly Coffee and Chat mornings at local vineyards or cafes for all members and their wives.
- Christmas in July at a special local venue with a delicious lunch and pudding and the usual trappings of Christmas.
- A visit to the local Vietnam War vehicles display for members only followed by lunch at a local hotel.
- The re-introduction of the morning movie and lunch outing for members and wives which was so popular prior to 2020.
- A half-day seminar style gathering discussing a set topic with morning tea and lunch.

If you have any ideas that you would like to add to the above list please talk to Gordon Dummer for excursions or the Geoff McNamarra for events.

AWAY TRIP

Plans are also being formulated for a two-day trip away in September now that travel is once again possible. The basic plan is to use Cowra as our accommodation centre and visit sites and attractions in and around that area.

Some of the suggestions so far are a visit to a sculptor's workshop at Harden, perhaps Eugowra to see its murals and to explore the Historical Museum & Bushranger Centre, the silo art at Grenfell, view the huge display at Lachlan Valley Railway Society, the art gallery, visitors centre with the hologram of the Cowra Breakout and the gardens will be magnificent in spring. There will of course be time for enjoying browsing, shopping, eating and socializing and general relaxing.

All this in the beautiful springtime! Check on the newsletter for updates and booking information or contact Gordon Dummer with your questions.

CHANGEOVER DINNER

The Changeover Dinner or as one wag called it the Roll-over Dinner was held at the Mittagong RSL Club. Our new membership secretary, Michael Hissey and his wife, Narelle enjoying the Changeover Dinner.

