



# PROBUS NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 2022

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### WHAT'S ON

13 <sup>th</sup> January	General Meeting
To be notified	Ladies' Coffee@Bradman
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Coffee Club (Note date change)
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Committee Meeting
10 <sup>th</sup> February	General Meeting
18 <sup>th</sup> February	Retford Park Guided Tour
10 <sup>th</sup> April	Cowra Break <b>Postponed</b>

### GENERAL MEETING

All members are invited to the first monthly meeting on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> January starting at 10 am. Under the current Covid regulations you are required to sign into the club and register your attendance on the Covid register or mobile app.

Members please note that the no singing or dancing rule will be strictly enforced at this meeting.

### COFFEE CLUB

Men's Coffee is earlier this month to avoid Australia Day and will be held on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> January and as previously noted will be held at a new venue. It will be held at the Bowral Bowling Club in Shepherd Street, where there is plenty of parking and a room has been set aside for us. Please complete the Covid check in and order and pay for your coffee at the bar and we look forward to seeing you there.

### LADIES' COFFEE

Unfortunately, like many things currently, Ladies Coffee@Bradman is very doubtful for the next couple of months. Ladies who regularly attend will be notified by Jennifer Collath if or when it is safe to gather again.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to the first round of birthdays for 2022. The happy celebrators are .....

Keith Huxham	Tim Lunham
Walter Wilson	Marcus Maclean
Hugh Scott	Bruce Hart
Chris Young	Frank Tate

A special mention to Bruce Hart who reaches eighty this month.

### SPEAKERS

This month we hear from Richard Batterly whose passion for photography was sparked at the age of nine when his mother gave him an old Box Brownie dating from the 1920s. With this humble camera



he began to explore the science and art of photography. During his school years he continued to be deeply involved in photography, learning and expanding his capabilities.

The club speaker is John Elvy who has entitled his talk "Is Local Government Redundant". Given the current suspensions or dismissals of some local government entities in NSW, the question needs to be asked whether Local Government in its current form is appropriate. Are too many councillors using local government for higher political station, or is it the perceived "benefits", or maybe access to confidential information for personal gain, or they just want to make a contribution for the betterment of the community?

### ANNUAL FEES

Your annual fee is now due for payment. The fee set by the committee for 2022 is \$40 per member. This may be paid to the treasurer by your usual method (bank deposit preferred) but please ensure that your name is attached to the payment. Those paying in cash please place your payment in an envelope with your name on the front.

Your annual fees are due and are payable before Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022.

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The committee received notification of the resignation of Alan Wigzell who joined the club in 2014. Alan is moving from the district to the Sunshine Coast and we wish him and his family well.

Also, John te Wechel joined the club in January, 2012 and will be presented with his ten year membership badge. Well done, John and thank you for all the time and work you have contributed to the club.

### INDUCTION

This month we welcome John Milhinch to the club. John comes to us from a busy working life including at Westpac Bank, Accor Asia Pacific, Europcar Asia and as a board member of R.F.D.S. of Australia.

In his retirement he plans to enjoy tennis, golf, travel and of course his membership of Probus.

**COWRA BREAK**

The trip away planned for April to Cowra has been postponed as it is impossible to make bookings that far ahead. The trip will be reconsidered in more certain times.

A lot of work goes on behind the scenes for trips such as this and the club would particularly like to thank Jennifer Collath who has done a good deal of organisation for this twice only to have it postponed. Thanks to Jennifer and of course Gordon Dummer.

**BADGES**

Members are reminded to wear their badges to all meetings and to club social events. If you have lost

yours please contact the Membership Secretary for a replacement.

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

**RETFORD PARK GUIDED TOUR**

We are pleased to announce that a guided tour of Retford House and a self-guided tour of the gardens has been arranged for Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> February. We will commence at 10am with a cup of tea/coffee prior to the tour which will take about 2-3 hours.

If the weather kind members may like to bring lunch and enjoy the gardens.

This tour is strictly limit to 40 participants so book early to ensure you do not miss out. The cost is #30pp and this can be paid by your usual method (bank transfer preferred). Bookings are now open Any enquiries please direct them to the organizer, Geoff McNamarra on 0429 796720.

**CLUB SURVEY 2022**

A short survey is being planned for club members to gauge the interest level of members in the club activities and to allow members to express their ideas and suggestions for the future of the club, It would be very much appreciated by the committee if as many members as possible completed the survey and expressed their views. It is planned to distribute the survey in about two months' time.

**CHRISTMAS LUCHEON**

The Christmas Luncheon held at the Scottish Arms in December was highly successful with a



large group being treated to a good quality meal and a happy gathering of member and their wives.

A few photographs have been included of the gathering thanks to Jim McGrath.



**HOSPITAL REGULATIONS**

Hospital rules state that patients checking out must have a wheelchair.

One day a newly graduated nurse assistant came into the room to find an elderly man fully dressed. He was sitting on the bedside chair, with a piece of packed luggage at his side, all ready to go.

When he was shown the wheelchair, he was adamant that he was fully capable of walking himself to the parking lot. But the assistant told him rules were rules, so he relented and let her wheel him out. In the elevator, the assistant asked the elderly man if his wife was coming to meet him.

"I don't think so," he replied. "It takes her awhile to change her clothes, so she's probably still upstairs in the bathroom taking off of her hospital gown and getting dressed."

*Keep Well!*

