



PROBUS NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT
Malcolm Stephens CB

SECRETARY
Jim McGrath

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WHAT'S ON	
To be notified	Ladies' Coffee@Bradman
3 rd February	Committee Meeting
10 th February	General Meeting - Ladies Day
23 rd February	Coffee Club
25 th February	Retford Park Guided Tour
3 rd March	Committee Meeting
10 th March	Annual General Meeting
10 th March	Changeover Dinner
10 th April	Cowra Break Postponed

GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be held on 10th February at the usual location, Alexander Room at the Mittagong RSL Club. Please note that this February meeting is a **Ladies' Day** and we would love to see you and your lady attend, enjoy morning tea, our special guest speaker and perhaps a little lunch after the meeting. The current NSW Government regulations will need to be complied with to be admitted to the and RSL Club rules for admission to the premises.

MEETING MORNING TEA PAYMENT



Members are requested to only pay for morning tea at general meetings with a \$5 note please (not coins).

ANNUAL MEETING

Members are notified that the Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday, 10th March at the Mittagong RSL Club. At this meeting the president and treasurer will present their annual appraisal and report and the committee for the following year will be installed.

COMMITTEE NOMINATION 2022

Members who wish to stand for election to the committee for the year 2022-23 need to complete a nomination form from the secretary and return it on or by Thursday, 17th February.

Currently, the following nominations have been lodged

President	Jim McGrath
Vice President	Michael Hissey
Past President	Malcolm Stephens CB
Secretary	Arthur Delbridge AM
Treasurer	Brian Collath
Tours	John Elvy

Speakers

Functions

Welfare/Coffee Club

Newsletter/Website

Assistant Tours

Assistant Secretary

Assistant Membership

Honorary Auditor

Geoff MacBean

Geoff McNamarra

John te Wechel

Bruce Pearson

Gordon Dummer

Roger Hodgson

John Brown

Frank Conroy

Leaving the committee this year are Graham Warner and Jim Cole. Graham has been on the committee for several years serving the club in several capacities including president. We thank both Jim and Graham for their contributions to the club during their time on the committee.

ANNUAL FEES

Along with the annual meeting comes the request for members to pay their annual membership fee. 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, 31st March, 2022.

REMINDER

Members are also reminded to renew their membership of the RSL Club for 2022. Membership of the RSL is not obligatory but is very cheap and saves signing in every meeting as well as providing discounts on meals, drinks and entertainment and also gives you \$60 worth of birthday vouchers to spend in the club. This is worth more than the membership fee!

COFFEE CLUB

As expected, attendance at the January Coffee Club was down a little on the usual numbers. The new venue was excellent for our purposes and the availability of close parking was appreciated.

The coffee club meeting will continue to be held at the Bowral Bowling Club in Shepherd Street, for the foreseeable future. Chat will start around 10am on Wednesday, 23rd February and you are invited to come along and enjoy a coffee and a social chat. Please complete the Covid check in and order and pay for your coffee at the bar as you enter.

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



Congratulations and happy birthday to this month's lucky members. Those turning another year older this month are

John Elvy Richard Miall
John Maffey OAM Brian Pemberton
Geoff MacBean Michael Hissey
John Deck

A special mention to our hard-working Speaker Organizer, Geoff MacBean who has his eightieth birthday this month. Well done, Geoff!

SPEAKERS FOR LADIES' DAY

This month we are having one of our special Ladies' Days and members are asked to invite along their wife or partner to enjoy hearing our chosen speaker and to enjoy a club social outing.

The guest speaker will be Tina McPherson who has the distinction of playing cricket for Australia internationally having played New Zealand at the MCG and against the English in England. Her career as a fast bowler includes the world's first five wicket haul in a ODI match. Come along and hear Tina speak about "Women's Cricket and My Achievements Over Time".

Before Tina we will hear from Michael Ellis and a bit of local knowledge when he talks on "A Cameo of Southern Highlands History".

So, bring your lady along to the February general meeting to listen to the speakers and enjoy a bit of fun and friendship with fellow members.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

This month we received a letter of resignation from David Simmonds citing ill health as the problem. David has been a member since November 2016 and in accepting his resignation we wish David and his wife Wendy best wishes and better times ahead.

We have also been notified of the passing of Stan Morgans recently. Stan joined the club in 2017. Our condolences go to his family on this sad occasion.

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, 25th February (note the date change from last Newsletter). 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 is kind members may like to bring lunch and enjoy the gardens. Entry to parking is off Old South Road on the eastern side between Merrigang and Bowral Streets. Proceed up driveway towards old gates, turn right just before gates and park in the left corner the large paddock. Walk to the house. Arrival time should be about 9:45 so you can enjoy your complimentary cup of tea/coffee.

This tour is strictly limited 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 close Friday, 18th February. Any enquiries please direct them to the organiser, Geoff McNamarra on 0429 796720.

CHANGEOVER DINNER

The Changeover Dinner this year will be held in the Alexander Room at the Mittagong RSL Club on Thursday evening, 10th March starting at 6 for 6:30 pm. The dinner will be a two-course meal and the cost is \$45 payable to the club by your usual method (direct deposit preferred). Drinks will be available at your own expense. Bookings are open and close Thursday, 3rd March.

CLUB SURVEY 2022

The planned club survey is still in preparation, but the committee would appreciate your ideas and suggestions at any time. Please bring any matters you would like considered to the attention of a committee member. We would particularly appreciate ideas for outings and events as well as improvements for our current activities.

VISITOR TO THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

A visitor browsing the shops in the main street of Bowral stopped a local and asked, "Where is a nice place to visit in the Southern Highlands around two hours drive away?"

The local replied. "Sutton Forest via Argyle Street in Moss Vale!"

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