



# PROBUS NEWSLETTER

## December 2022

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### WHAT'S ON

8 <sup>th</sup> December	Xmas Dinner (Bookings Closed)
8 <sup>th</sup> December	General Meeting Cancelled
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Committee Meeting
12 <sup>th</sup> January	General Meeting
17 <sup>th</sup> January	Morning Tea @ Eling
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Members Coffee Club
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Seniors Expo 2023

### CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2022

2022 could be classified as a building year, building up numbers in groups, encouraging people to take part in activities they were involved in, prior to the COVID years of 2020 and 2021+. COVID remains very real amongst society and remains a serious health threat amongst all of us. This pandemic forced restrictions upon us not experienced in our lifetime which changed our living and social practices over this period.

However, it's good to see people endeavouring to live a normal life and re-connect with family, friends and groups that may have lapsed over the course of the pandemic.

Christmas is a special time of the year bringing families together for celebration, love and happiness which has been very restricted over the last two years.

On behalf of the Moss Vale Probus Committee I wish you and your family a very happy, safe and peaceful Christmas, and trusting next year will bring good health and happiness to you all.

*Jim McGrath*

President.

### BIRTHDAYS

Bringing us to the end of the birthday list for 2022 are .....

John Dash	Kaye Lush
Tom May	Grant Winberg
John McCullagh	

Sorry, but you'll have to wait until the January general meeting for the draw for the bottle of wine but then again, you can have too much of a good thing over the festive season so spreading it out is a good idea!

### SPEAKERS

As the general meeting has been cancelled in favour of the Christmas Dinner there will be no

speakers this month. I would like to extend our thanks on behalf of the club to Geoff MacBean for the interesting and varied array of speakers we have had during the year and look forward to more of the same in 2023.

### COFFEE CLUB

The gathering for November was well attended and we again tackled some of the problems of the world but unfortunately without resolution once again.

There will be no Coffee Club this month and Coffee Club will recommence in 2023 on the last Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

### FINANCE

Opening Balance November 1	\$3474.73
Closing Balance November 30	\$5,623.79
Funds on Hold (Tours etc)	\$3,330.00
Current Net Balance	\$2,293.79

### MEMBERSHIP

Attendance Last month (Members)	48
Visitors	7
Total Attendance	55
Club Membership	
Active Members	72
Non-Active Members	14
Total Members	86

### CHRISTMAS DINNER - BOOKINGS CLOSED

Bookings have closed for the Christmas Dinner on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December so enjoy a great dinner. Note: There is no general meeting this month as it has been replaced by the Christmas Dinner.

For further information contact Geoff McNamarra on 0429 796720 or email at [5860gm@gmail.com](mailto:5860gm@gmail.com)

### NEW YEAR MORNING TEA

To celebrate the New Year we are starting with a morning tea at our favourite café at Eling Forest.

Members and partners are invited to morning tea at Eling Forest Winery on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 at 10 am where you will be treated to a tasty cup of tea/coffee with scones, jam and cream are included all for the bargain price of \$15 per person.

The café/winery is on the eastern side of the Hume Motorway so you will need to approach the entrance from the Mittagong or Berrima on-ramps and head south. It is clearly signposted and just short of the Moss Vale highway exit.

The cost of this is being subsidised from the club coffers so we will need your booking and payment by Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> January. The cost is \$15 per person. Please book and pay in your usual way.

Enquiries: Geoff McNamarra on 0429 796720 or email at [5860gm@gmail.com](mailto:5860gm@gmail.com)

### **THE SYDNEY SENIORS EXPO 2023**

The Seniors Expo visit is available for bookings and it would be appreciated if you could book soon.

Unfortunately, the concert which was previously listed as part of the day is no longer available. The tickets, all 9,000 of them, were snapped up before we could get our share. There will still be displays of the senior services, activities, hobbies, health and lifestyle, holidays, finance, media and technology, sports, travel, leisure and entertainment. Members and partners are invited to enjoy a leisurely coach trip to Darling Harbour, at least four hours to wander and explore the exhibits and a coach trip home.

This event is planned for Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February and for your convenience we have hired a coach to take you from the Highlands right to the International Convention Centre where the EXPO will be on show. Entry to the EXPO is free with the only cost being for the coach which is \$45 per person. Of course, there will be items for sale at the EXPO and food and drink will be readily available at your own cost also.

As the event is at Darling Harbour it also affords the opportunity to visit one (or more) of the many shops, cafes, bars, restaurants, the Maritime Museum, Sydney Aquarium or just sit and enjoy the busy harbour and its boats. There's something for everyone.

So here are the details .....

- Date: Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2023
- Depart: 8:30am
- Darling Harbour: 10:30 – 3:00
- Cost: \$45 per person and the EXPO is free.

Book and pay in your usual way. Direct any enquiries to John Elvy on 0414 255 770.

### **CLUB TOURS AND VISITS 2023**

John, our tours director, has been hard at work planning the next year's events and below is an outline of the proposed itinerary. Naturally, there may be variations and adjustments. We hope this helps plan year sop book the dates.

February 3<sup>rd</sup> features the Seniors Expo Darling Harbour which has been detailed elsewhere in the newsletter and bookings are being taken now.

In March we will visit Garoorigang Homestead Goulburn. Built in 1857, Garoorigang is a beautiful, privately owned heritage home on the outskirts of Goulburn where visitors can enjoy a personally guided tour through 160 years of living Australian history in the unique setting of a lived-in family home. The home is exceptional in that it still contains its original colonial and Victorian furnishings and is filled with items of historical

interest. At \$20pp including morning tea it is another great bargain!

Sometime around May we will be visiting the National Press Club in Canberra where we will be treated to an excellent lunch followed by one of their prominent speakers. This was extremely popular last time we held this event and as attendance will again be limited preference will be given to those who missed out last time we went.

The Lucas Heights reactor is one of only 70 reactors worldwide that are capable of producing much-needed medical radioisotopes. It also produces material or carries out analyses for the mining industry, for forensic purposes and for research. Members and partners will have the chance for a club visit in June.

A highlight visit will be held August Friday 11<sup>th</sup> with our visit to Albion Park Historic Aircraft Museum with lunch to follow. Since our last visit the display has been considerably enlarged and first time visitors as well as returnees are assured of an interesting time. Lunch at a local venue will follow.

Tarmac days are held outside the HARS hangars involve the static display of some of our distinctive aircraft. Members of the public will be able to board and sit in some of the aircraft including the cockpits of aircraft like our F-111C fighter bomber and Neptune submarine hunter.

After the last successful tour and for all those who have requested a return to Beechworth September will give you the chance for a 4 or 5 day break with your fellow members visiting the attractions and sampling the food at this Victorian tourist mecca.

It is anticipated this will be a Self-Drive tour travelling via Jugiong for lunch at Sir George, then on to Holbrook, (National Pottery & Submarine Museums) for afternoon tea, then on to Beechworth where we arrive after a leisurely day's touring and commence our visit. More details in 2023.

Other events such as coffee days, dinners and luncheon will also be included but these will be notified closer to the event.

Enquiries contact John Elvy on 0414 255 770

### **ONE MINUTE SURVEY**

Now you know what John is planning we ask members to complete an anonymous one-minute survey so that we can have an indication of the popularity of the events. To complete the survey [CLICK HERE](#). Survey closes December 22.

#### **PAYMENT DETAILS**

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