



PROBUS NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome back to a brand-new year in Probus. We hope you had a festive Christmas and also that 2023 is everything you would want in the way of health and happiness.

In this newsletter there is a lot of information about the coming months so check through it carefully and write the dates for the tours on your calendar so you don't miss out.

WHAT'S ON	
12 th January	General Meeting
17 th January	Morning Tea @ Eling CLOSING
25 th January	Members Coffee Club
2 nd February	Committee Meeting
3 rd February	Seniors Expo - CANCELLED
9 th February	General Meeting + Partners
10 th February	Vietnamese Café/Museum
22 nd February	Members Coffee Club
8 th March	Garoorigang Homestead Tour
2 nd June	Nuclear Science Visit
11 th August	Historic Aircraft Museum
5 th -9 th Sept.	Beechworth Trip

Note: Please save these dates. At this stage most are only at planning stage and require no immediate action but keep an eye on the newsletter for further updates so you can join us on these experiences.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

At its last meeting the committee considered membership fees for the coming year. Taking into account cost of living pressures, the likelihood a fee increase would have on inflation and the excellent bookkeeping of our treasurer, Brian Collath it has been decided to keep membership fee at \$40 for the forthcoming year.

Members fees are now due and may be paid in your usual way (direct deposit preferred) into the club account. Please remember to tag payments with your name and only pay once. Fees are due by 31st March and after that membership lapses

Direct enquiries to Brian Collath on 0425 243 405

BISCUITS

You will notice that as from the January meeting the usual biscuit tray is missing. The committee has cancelled the biscuits with our morning tea as very few were ever taken and so were a waste and an expense we could do without.

The cost of the tea/coffee will remain the same at \$5 per member to be paid with a \$5 note preferable at the Welcome Table each meeting.

BIRTHDAYS

We have a double draw for the Birthday Wine this month as we missed the general meeting in December. So the first draw for the December birthday boys is:-

John Dash John McCullagh
Tom May Grant Winberg

This will be followed closely by these members who celebrate their birthdays in January.

Keith Huxham Tim Lunham
Walter Wilson Hugh Scott
Marcus Maclean Chris Young
Frank Tate Steve Floyd

An extra pat on the back for Tim Lunham who entered the ranks of the nonagenarians this month.

SPEAKERS

Bill Lane, who has been a member since 2018, will speak at the meeting this month. Bill's topic is "Ruminants" which comprise cattle, sheep, antelopes, deer, giraffes and their relatives.

After morning tea Michael Baume returns. Michael is an ex-finance journalist, ex-TV panellist, ex-public company director, ex-stockbroker, and an ex-parliamentarian and he still has plenty to say about the state of the country. Michael's topic is, "It's time the bench was benched for repeated off-sides; how judges are usurping the role of parliaments by changing the rules, but not playing by them."

FEBRUARY SPECIAL MEETING

Members please note that partners are invited to the February general meeting to hear Sue Tyler, owner of a local driving school speak on driving for the older driver, including licence requirements as we age and driving strategies for safer travel. This will be of interest to all members and partners.

Please jot this day in your diary.

COFFEE CLUB

Coffee Club will recommence for 2023 on the last Wednesday, January 25th and we will be meeting at the Bowral Bowling Club at 10am. All members are welcome to this popular gathering where we solve the problems of the world and anything else you would like to mention, over a cup of coffee.

New members with new ideas are most welcome.

FINANCE

Opening Balance December 1	\$5,623.79
Closing Balance December 31	\$4486.99
Funds on Hold (Tours etc)	\$270.00
Current Net Balance	\$4216.99

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	72
Non-Active Members	14
Total Members	86

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Christmas dinner at the Glass Café in Mittagong in December was an outstanding success despite several participants having to pull out due to Covid. According to reports the food was excellent and a fitting night to celebrate Christmas 2022.

NEW YEAR MORNING TEA - **BOOKINGS CLOSING**

Bookings are closing at the general meeting of Thursday, 12th January so if you want to join us, please get your booking in quickly before the cutoff date. We will be renewing friendships 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, 17th 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 is \$15 per person. Please book and pay in your usual way (direct deposit preferred).

Enquiries: Geoff McNamarra on 0429 796720 or email at 5860gm@gmail.com

SENIORS EXPO 2023 - CANCELLED

Unfortunately, there were insufficient people interested in this activity to cover the cost of the coach so we have had to cancel our club visit. Members who have paid already will receive a full refund from the treasurer.

Of course, you are free to make your own arrangements to participate in the Expo if you wish.

Any enquiries to John Elvy on 0414 255 770.

CLUB TOURS SURVEY 2023

Thank you to all those who took the one-minute survey on activities for 2023. A total of forty-one completed the survey which has been of great help in formulating a plan for this year.

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 directly to the treasurer and identify payment with your name

As you will see by the "What's On" section of the newsletter you can now plan well ahead so you can attend these events. You cannot book for these events just yet but when bookings become available you will be advised in the newsletter.

VIETNAM VEHICLE MUSEUM AND LUNCH



Members and their partners are invited to participate in a guided tour of the Vietnam Vehicles Museum to be followed by a lunch at the Vietnamese Café in the courtyard at "The Mill". This will be a day with a difference as our entertaining guide tells us of his experiences during the Vietnam War and his migration to Australia. He donates any money he makes from these tours to a fund to help the orphans of Vietnam and veterans with PTSD.

This outing will be held on Friday, 10th February at 11.30 at the Vietnamese Museum/Pho Canteen located in "The Mill" courtyard at 6 Bundaroo St, Bowral. Lunch follows in the café at your expense.

Please contact John Elvy on 0414 255 770 to confirm your attendance.

GAROORIGANG HISTORIC HOMESTEAD VISIT



On 8th March members and partners are invited to visit Garoorigang Homestead Goulburn. Built in 1857, Garoorigang is a beautiful, privately owned heritage home near Goulburn. Visitors can enjoy walking through 160 years of living Australian history which still contains original colonial and Victorian furnishings. Travel will be by private car and the tour commences at 10am. At \$20pp including morning tea it is another great bargain!

Book now in your usual way (direct deposit preferred). This will be followed by lunch the acclaimed Thai Restaurant and later a visit to the beautiful St Saviour Church. Additional details and directions will appear in the next newsletter.

Enquiries contact John Elvy on 0414 255 770