



PROBUS NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S ON

13 th July	General Meeting ~Partner Day
19 th July	Xmas in July
26 th July	Men's Coffee Club
26 th July	Ladies' Coffee Club
29 th July	Zig Zag Railway Trip
3 rd August	Committee Meeting
10 th August	General Meeting
11 th August	Historic Aircraft Museum
30 th August	Men's Coffee Club
30 th August	Ladies' Coffee Club
19-23 rd Sept.	Beechworth Trip



Happy birthday to the members who are celebrating their birthday this month. We offer our best wishes for the year ahead.

Stephen Blackman	Frank Conroy
Arthur Delbridge	Peter Middlebrook
Barry Parsons	Bruce Pearson
Malcolm Stevens	

You may notice my name among the birthday list this month and I am pleased to announce that after years of patient effort I have made it to eighty. While I do wish the rest of the crew a genuine happy July birthday, I just hope I finally win the bottle of wine!

FINANCE

Opening Balance June 1	\$8600.88
Closing Balance June 30	\$9650.88
Funds on Hold (Tours etc)	\$2957.50
Current Net Balance	\$6693.38

PARTNERS' DAY - SPEAKERS FOR JULY

Members and partners are invited to attend our general meeting on 13th July to hear our guest speaker Anne Stone, Principal of McGrath Real Estate in the Southern Highlands, she has expressed her delight in being invited to address the club about property in the Southern Highlands. She appreciates, "the natural beauty and idyllic lifestyle



that attract buyers seeking a dream home, country estate or weekend retreat in this celebrated region."

Before our morning tea, club member, Frank Conroy will be addressing the club on his "Selected past Prime Ministers - a personal perspective".

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Over the last few meetings, the average attendance has been around the 50% mark. I know a lot of members look forward to the speakers we have every meeting and over the last few meetings we have had some outstanding informative and entertaining speakers. I know it is cold and windy, but it is warm and welcoming at the meetings. If you have not been along for a while, we would love to see you at the meeting in July.

Active Members	69
Non-Active Members	11
Total Members	80

INDUCTEES

This month we have one inductee and we welcome him to the club.

Don Barker, is joining the club after a previous life as an architect and he now plans to spend some time mastering golf. We welcome Don and his partner Pam to the club and hope you enjoy the friendship and activities of the club.

While we are talking about inductees, we have plenty of room for new members in the club and the one way we are going to fill those vacancies is through each member asking their friends, neighbours, gold mates and the bloke down the road to come along and enjoy a meeting.

COFFEE CLUB

Join fellow members at the Bowral Bowling Club on Wednesday, 26th July at 10am for your monthly coffee and chat with club members.

LADIES' COFFEE

Ladies' Coffee Morning will be held at the Annesley Café, 10 Westwood Drive, Bowral, on Wednesday, 26th July at 10.00am. Enquiries to Jennifer Collath.

LUCAS HEIGHTS VISIT

The visit to the nuclear facility at Lucas Heights was enjoyed by those who attended. The

My wife says I only have two faults, one is I don't listen and something else.

knowledgeable guide gave an in-depth commentary on the facility and the importance placed upon safety throughout the building and the processes. Unfortunately, photos were not allowed inside due to the high security of the laboratory and they even collected all mobile phones to ensure compliance.



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.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY



Bookings have closed for this year's Christmas in July function and judging by the large number of bookings it will be a happy and joyful celebration.

Just a reminder that the luncheon is to be held at the Mittagong Golf Club in the Glass Bistro on Wednesday, 19th July starting promptly at midday. After the welcome drink, other drinks are at

your own cost.

Enquiries to Geoff McNamarra on 0429 796720

ZIG ZAG RAILWAY TRIP (LAST CHANCE)

John Elvy would like all bookings for this trip on 29th July to be completed by Monday, 10th July. Due to a cancelled booking, two tickets for the rail journey and motel accommodation have become available to any couple requiring a booking.

ALBION PARK AIRCRAFT MUSEUM

Members attending the Albion Park Aircraft Museum visit on 11th August plus lunch afterwards are also requested to confirm their attendance with John Elvy 0414 255 770.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Members are reminded that if you are ill or have any other reason why you are unable to attend such as care for a partner or relative my apply for a Leave of Absence on the appropriate form available from

the secretary. This helps us follow up and keep track of members for welfare purposes.

FIRE AND FLOOD



Last month we had a very interesting talk by Elizabeth Ellis was the Community Liaison Officer from Burrawang RFS with handy information about preparing for the impending risk of a devastation fire season after all the rain we have received in the past twelve months. Liz suggested using the app created by the RFS and SES as an early warning and monitoring system during the summer (or any other time). This app is available for all common mobile phones and is called "Hazards Near Me" and is available for download from both Google Play and the App Store on iPhone.

MITTAGONG RSL APP

While we are talking about apps, also available is the Mittagong RSL app which can be used to check events etc on in the RSL Club and also, once you have downloaded it and entered your details you can use it to sign into the club each meeting by scanning it on the device in the foyer.

Also, while we are talking about the club, members are reminded of the option to join the club as a social member for one or more years and this saves you checking in at the door every time you attend a meeting or come to the club for lunch or another event. There are many discounts available to club members from coffee to meals and snacks, so you soon cover the cost of your membership.

FUN, FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

At the July committee meeting the integration of new members into the club was discussed. The committee decided to implement a mentoring program to ease the way for new members to join in and meet other members. But this can't be left to just a few members of the committee because all members have a part to play in making all members, not only new members feel part of the club. So if you see any members standing or sitting by themselves or looking a bit lost or with no one to talk to introduce yourself and include them in your circle of friends in discussions both in meetings and on excursions so that they can feel part of our friendly club.

HOW TO MAKE PAYMENTS

ONLINE (Preferred)

BSB 032723 ACCOUNT 750434

Please identify your payment with your name.

CASH

Directly at a meeting.