



# PROBUS NEWSLETTER

## October 2023

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WHAT'S ON	
12 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>PARTNERS</b> General Meeting
25 <sup>th</sup> October	Men's Coffee Club
25 <sup>th</sup> October	Ladies' Coffee Club
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Committee Meeting
9 <sup>th</sup> November	General Meeting
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Men's Coffee Club
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Ladies' Coffee Club
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Luncheon
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Ramses at the Museum
To be Decided	Port Kembla Tour

# HAPPY Birthday

Tim Copes	Darrell Chadwick
Ron Hemming	Patrick Fallon
Brian Collath	Jurgen Eckel
Gavan McDonell	John te Wechel
John Worth	

A happiest of birthday to all the members who are celebrating their special day in November. We hope you enjoy the day just as much as the one who wins the draw for the birthday bottle of wine.

### OCTOBER SPEAKERS

*Partners are invited* to come along to this October General Meeting to hear Kate Bates, from ID Support NSW speak on the very important topic of



scammers. How do you recognise a scam? What can you do to avoid being caught and what do you do if you are caught by scammers and your details are stolen? All these and many others will be covered by our expert, Kate. So invited your partner to come along not only for their own safety in this electronic age but also to enjoy the social gathering over a cup of tea and perhaps a Club Bistro for lunch afterwards with some other members.

Our club speaker is Rupert Edwards on a topic yet to be advised.

### FINANCE

Opening Balance Aug 1	\$6051.13
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Closing Balance Aug 31	\$6760.63
Funds on Hold (Tours etc)	\$995.00
Current Net Balance	\$5765.63

### CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	69
Non-Active Members	11
Total Members	80

### COFFEE CLUB

Join fellow members at the Bowral Bowling Club on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> October at 10am for your monthly coffee and chat with club members.

Last meeting had a wide range of topics as we usually do at these social meeting. Several members mentioned that it is difficult to hear and participate at times. There are background noises in the club so we would ask members to speak up a little when commenting and if we could just have one person talking at a time that would improve matters also.

### BEECHWORTH

The long-promised tour to Beechworth commenced on Tuesday, September 19 after the dreaded Covid19 had put a hold on the promised earlier visit. Some of the members of the tour had visited many moons before and fond memories which drew them back.



Unfortunately, there were some intended participants who could not partake for various reasons including health. Nevertheless, there were many aged and infirm who steeled themselves for the adventure.

The tour began at the Gundagai Services Club where we had a short thirst quencher and a good old

Chinese lunch. Next on to Holbrook for afternoon tea at the Holbrook Bakery Café. We completed the day by checking in at Beechworth's The Grand Oaks Resort (previously known as the George Kerferd Hotel) adjacent to the historic Mayday Hills Lunatic Asylum. After another thirst quencher at the bar dinner at the Oak View Restaurant followed.

Following breakfast at the Oak View on Wednesday, we drove to the Visitors' Centre for a few wise words from the staff and maps. Our tour moved on to Beechworth's Bilson Brewery where we were led by a most enthusiastic guide. A few samples then off to Everton Upper's Indigo Vineyard where we had a most interesting lunch accompanied by half a dozen selected wines.

That afternoon saw us head off in groups to various parts of the Great Alpine Road area and reconvene at Beechworth's Vino Bar where we had the venue and its staff to ourselves. Truly fine dining.

Thursday, we headed off to the Burke Museum, Ned Kelly and Gold Rush Tour's while old hands, who had seen it all before, ventured further afield.

Our Friday visit was another great old watering hole in nearby Stanley where we enjoyed some more fine dining. Several visited Tomanderins tree nursery and bought Crab Apples, Capital Pears, Crepe Myrtles etc hoping they would survive the trip home. Dinner was at Beechworth's Empire Hotel.

On Saturday we headed in our different directions and all ultimately, home to the Southern Highlands.

We enjoyed Moments & Memories (home grown breakfasts, morning and afternoon teas in a venue decorated with fine china), the Beechworth Honey shop, Miss Amelie Gourmet and all of Yackandandah and Bright were on our favourites list. In summary, an exceptionally enjoyable and successful tour and our thanks go out to tour leader, John Elvy (supported behind the scenes by Judy Elvy) and ably mentored by the Dummers.

(Ed. Thank you Grant for your excellent coverage.)

### **GILBERT & SULLIVAN**

Reporting on the G&S Iolanthe performance in Goulburn, Allen Broome said they enjoyed a pleasant lunch at the Workers Club before they moved to the Performing Arts Centre behind the Town Hall. It was a good venue, and the steep seating gave everyone a good view of the performance by the Sydney Opera Company, which was up to their usual high standard.

### **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

Booking are being taken now for the Probus Christmas Luncheon this year will be held at Dormie House on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December starting at noon with a welcome drink at noon with lunch at 12:30.

This year it is your choice of the three main courses available with dessert to follow on an alternate drop basis. To book you will need to follow the link below and choose between roasted

Highland beef sirloin, potato galette, grilled mushroom, mustard and demi-glace, roasted corn-fed chicken, cauliflower puree, zucchini and feta or roasted Atlantic Salmon, pea puree, asparagus and spring salsa. Then please pay using your usual method \$60 per person to the club account. To book and placed your order [CLICK HERE](#).

Booking close for this on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> November.

### **RAMSES**



Bookings are rolling in for the ancient Egyptian Exhibition at the Sydney Museum next February. So now is the time for you to book if you are coming along with us. It is important to note that the club bookings for this day out will close at the end of November as the popularity of the display is such that we need to book a couple of months ahead. See the full details below.

This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity is both educational and exhilarating. Ramses & the Gold of the Pharaohs will give visitors an up-close look into the life, achievements, and stunning monuments. Ramses II, more commonly known as Ramses the Great, ruled Egypt for 67 years – the second longest reign for any pharaoh, living an astonishing 92 years. You will see artefacts, including sarcophagi, animal mummies, magnificent jewellery, spectacular royal masks, exquisite amulets, and ornate golden treasures of the tomb.

Arrangements for our visit are as follows .....

**Date:** Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

**Travel:** We will travel by one of the morning trains to arrive at Museum Station around 10:30 and then walk a short distance across Hyde Park to the Museum where the tour begins at 11:30. Return travel will also be by train, but full time will be published closer to the date.

**Lunch:** Lunch will be your choice of the many outlets available around that area at your own cost.

**Cost:** \$32 per person

**Bookings:** We need your booking now so we can secure the tickets. Bookings will definitely close on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2023.

### **HOW TO MAKE PAYMENTS**

**ONLINE (Preferred)**

BSB 032723 ACCOUNT 750434

Please identify your payment with your name.

**CASH**

Directly at a meeting.