



PROBUS NEWSLETTER

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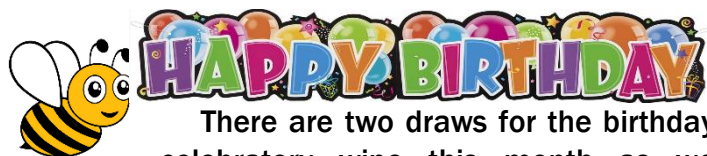
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WHAT'S ON

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| 11 th January | General Meeting |
| 31 st January | Men's Coffee Club |
| 31 st January | Ladies Coffee |
| 1 st February | Committee Meeting |
| 8 th February | General Meeting |
| 20 th February | Ramses at the Museum |
| 28 th February | Men's Coffee Club |
| 28 th February | Ladies Coffee |

When do bees get married?
When they find their honey.

Welcome back to another great year in Probus. The committee is currently working on a full year program which will be released in due time. We hope you have a wonderful and healthy year and can join in the many Probus activities. In the meantime, here is all the buzz from your club.



There are two draws for the birthday celebratory wine this month as we missed the draw in December.

DECEMBER BEEDAY BOYS

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| John Dash | Peter Evans |
| Tom May | Grant Winberg |
| John McCullagh | |

JANUARY BEEDAY BOYS

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| Keith Huxham | Tim Lunham |
| Walter Wilson | Marcus Maclean |
| Hugh Scott | Chris Young |
| Frank Tate | Steve Floyd |
| Arthur Delbridge | John Deck |

A big hapbee birthday to you all and may you enjoy the coming year (if not the wine as well)! Several members will achieve some significant milestones. Marcus MacLean becomes an official member of the OBE (Over B...y Eighty) Club and reaching the ninety milestone are Arthur Delbridge and Hugh Scott. Congratulations to all three of you!

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

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| Active Members | 71 |
| Non-Active Members | 11 |
| Total Members | 82 |

FINANCE

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| Opening Balance December 1 | \$9067.13 |
| Closing Balance December 31 | \$5,395.13 |
| Funds on Hold (Tours etc) | \$000.00 |
| Current Net Balance | \$5395.13 |

INDUCTIONS

Two newbies are joining the club this month!

We have been waiting a while to induct Rick Reynolds into the club but today is the day! Rick, like many members is a Sydney boy who spent fifty years in the graphics art industry until growing tired of what the city had to offer and moving to the Southern Highlands with his partner, Jennifer.

Our second inductee is Mike McLaren who comes to us from the IT area and administration which he has swapped for golf and volunteering in the RFS. We hope Mike and his partner Wendy enjoy their club membership.

JANUARY SPEAKERS

Our club speaker is Don Barker. Don has recently joined the club and was a local architect in his working life. He has planned an enormous range of buildings from houses to churches and will relate some of his experiences in that time.

You may have guessed we bee talking about bees this month. Louie Kelbert, a beekeeper for over 40 years will not only talk to the members about his experiences but is also bringing along a small hive for the members to observe and a variety of his products.

FAST FACTS

- The practice of beekeeping dates back at least 4,500 years
- Beekeeping is said to be the second oldest professions. What is the oldest?
- Approximately one third of the food we eat is the result of honeybee pollination
- In their 6 to 8 week lifespan, a worker bee will fly the equivalent distance of 1½ times the circumference of the Earth week.
- A single bee will produce only about 1/12 of a teaspoon of honey in its lifetime.
- Honey was found in King Tut's tomb, and, because it never spoils, it was still good!
- A female worker bee weighs about one tenth of a gram.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Annual Christmas Luncheon was well attended again this year. And scattered throughout this edition you will find a few of the photos taken of the members enjoying the day.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

You will remember that last year we introduced a pre-paid morning tea option. This year we are asking members to pay a membership fee totalling \$70. This consists of the basic fee of \$40 (which has not changed for many years) plus the \$30 annual morning tea fee which we have at general meetings. This covers you for the whole year.

The fee for Non-Active members remains at \$40. As they do not attend meetings the \$30 morning tea fee is waived.

It should be noted that as from April this year collection of payments for morning tea paid at the Welcome Table on the day will cease.

The capitation fee paid to Probus South Pacific has been increased but the committee decided to absorb this cost and keep the basic membership fee the same. These fees are due now and may be paid up until 31st March.



YOUR COMMITTEE

Nominations are now open for members to nominate for a position of the management committee of this Probus Club. The committee meets once a month for an hour or so to manage and organise such things as tours and activities, membership, finances and membership. Most responsibilities are not too onerous or time consuming but are necessary for the smooth running of the club affairs.

If you would like to nominate for a position for the next year please obtain a nomination form from the

secretary, complete the details and hand it back to the secretary at or before the general meeting in February. The annual meeting will take place in March when the elections and new committee will be inducted.

We need a continual flow of new talent on the committee so if you are interested please speak to a member of the current committee and nominate.

LUCKY DAY - TICKETS AVAILABLE

If you thought about going to the Ramses exhibition 20th February, 2024 at Australian museum in Sydney but missed out on tickets or if you have changed your mind and would now like to come along there is good news. This be your lucky day!

If you would like to take advantage of this off just give John Elvy a buzz on 0414 255 770 and let him know you would like the tickets and then pay the \$64 admission charge. First in gets the tickets!

HOW TO MAKE PAYMENTS

ONLINE (Preferred)

BSB 032723 ACCOUNT 750434

Please identify your payment with your name.

CASH

Directly at a meeting.



COFFEE CLUB

The monthly coffee club will be back again this month with our first gathering (it's not really a meeting) to be held on Wednesday, 31st January at 10am at the Bowral Bowling Club. Join the fun!

MEMBER ATTENDANCE

As you will see from our Membership Report we are well short of our membership limit of 104. We all have busy and varied lives, and we understand that every member cannot attend every meeting. However, general meetings only average around 50% of the total membership and even less at tours and outings. More members at more meetings and activities makes for more fun and fellowship! So how about coming along more often this year?

A man went into the local library and asked, "Do you have any books on bees?"

The librarian replied, "Oh no! All our books are on shelves!"