



**NEWSLETTER**

**March 2024**

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**WHAT'S ON**

11 <sup>th</sup> April	General Meeting - <b>Partner's Day</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Men's Coffee Club
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Ladies Coffee
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Committee Meeting
9 <sup>th</sup> May	General Meeting
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Port Kembla Tour
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Coffee Club
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Probus Moss Vale 40 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
17-18 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Canberra Overnight Trip

The March meeting featured the changing of the committee as Michael Hissey (right) handed over the reins to John Elvy (left). On behalf of the club, I



would like to thank Michael for his year in the top job and the professional, competent, and good-natured way in which he carried out his duties as president. I am sure we all wish John a successful year in his term as president.

This year also saw the retirement of a couple of familiar faces from the committee. Brian Collath has been on the committee for many years serving as newsletter editor, president (twice) and treasurer during his time. We thank Brian for his efficiency and for the good humour in which he carried out his duties.

Roger Hodgeson is also departing the committee after serving some time as secretary. We appreciate

your work as secretary and your contribution to the running of the club as part of the executive.

We thank you both for your contribution to the smooth operation of our club.

**APRIL SPEAKERS**

Our club speaker for April is Partick Fallon who will tackle the subject of "Executorship of a Will: The Pitfalls".

Our special guest speaker for Partner's Day will be Merv Fowler. Many of you probably know a little about Matther Flinders and that he circumnavigated Australia in the "Investigator" in 1802-03 but did you know that he was imprisoned in Mauritius for almost eight years? Merv's talk today is entitled "Matthew Flinders in Mauritius".

**Don't forget to invite your partner along to hear the speakers and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee.**

**APRIL BIRTHDAY BOYS**

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| Barry Todd    | Graham Balfe |
| John Browne   | Nick Tait    |
| Derek Barnes  | Allen Broome |
| Graham Warner | Don Barker   |

From all your friends in the club a wish for a happy birthday this year and for all the years to come. An extra special birthday wishes to long term club member, Barry Todd who passed the 90 mark this month. While you all can't win the wine this year .. there is always next!

**COFFEE CLUB**

Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April is the date for our next round of discussion at the Men's Coffee Club at the Bowling Club at 10am. All members are welcome, and we are looking for some new attendees to contribute to the many topics under discussion. The ladies' coffee is on the same day so ladies, ring Jennifer 0425 236 295.

**CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

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| Active Members     | 66 |
| Non-Active Members | 10 |
| Total Members      | 76 |

**NEW MEMBER**



Welcome to the club John Dartnell. John joins us after a career as an engineer in the manufacturing solar power products and lecturing at university and TAFE. He wants to continue his research into energy sources and devote some time to gardening in his retirement. Make yourself know to John and his partner, Eleanor at the earliest opportunity.

**INDUCTION**

At this meeting Paul McInerney is being inducted and we welcome him from a hectic career in industrial real estate in Sydney. He hopes to spend

some relaxing time in retirement with his tennis, bushwalking, bowls and golf. We hope to see Paul and his partner Carla at some club events soon.

#### FINANCE

Opening Balance March 1	\$8189.23
Closing Balance March 31	\$8749.49
Funds on Hold (Tours etc)	\$1654.10
Current Net Balance	\$7095.39

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOSS VALE PROBUS

On the 12<sup>th</sup> July 1984, Gordon Harman opened the first official meeting of the Moss Vale Probus Club at the Moss Vale Golf Club, the management committee was elected and the president's collar was presented by Rotary President Ernie Thorpe to the new club president. There were twenty-two members at the inaugural meeting.

Plans are now well underway for a big party to celebrate our club's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday in style! And you are invited to come along with your partner and enjoy the fun. I am not able to reveal too much as yet, but I am able to tell you it involves a sumptuous luncheon, balloons and decorations for a festive occasion and of course a birthday cake.

What I can also reveal is the date so you can put it in your diary and not miss out. The date is Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July for the birthday party.

There will be lots more information in the next newsletter when you will be able to book but keep the date free for now.

#### HOW TO MAKE PAYMENTS

##### ONLINE (Preferred)

BSB 032723 ACCOUNT 750434

Please identify your payment with your name.

##### CASH

Directly at a meeting.

#### PORT KEMBLA TOUR

A special bus tour of the Port Kembla Harbour facilities has been organised and members and their partners are invited to attend.

From the Visitor Centre, we board the bus to begin our tour of the Port of Port Kembla with a visit to Greenhouse Park – where the full picture of the port is laid out beneath us.

Next, we enter the Inner Harbour where we see the Port's key infrastructures – being Port Kembla Coal Terminal (the second largest coal terminal in NSW), the Grain Terminals, the state's largest motor vehicle import hub and cruise ship berth – a key gateway supporting New South Wales' motor vehicle, mining, agricultural, manufacturing and construction industries.

Our tour finishes on a beautiful high at Hill 60 with amazing panoramic views of the Illawarra coastline, Lake Illawarra and industrial super centre we have just explored. Following this we will adjourn for lunch at a local restaurant.

Date: Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May

Time: 10am

Cost: \$30 per person

Transport: Private car (ride share by arrangement).  
We will meet at BlueScope Visitor Centre, Springhill Road, Coniston NSW

Booking: [Click Here](#) to book.

Bookings Close: 9<sup>th</sup> May.

**Note: There is a limit of 22 persons on this trip.**

Enquiries: Phone John Elvy on 0414 255 770

#### THIS IS A JOKE

(Just in case you don't get it!)

As an old man crawls into bed when he hears some noise coming from the backyard. Looking out the window to see three men robbing his shed.

So, he calls triple 0. The operator says, "I'm sorry sir, but there are no units available in your area. It'll take 30 mins for someone to get to you." He thinks this is odd, but thanks her and hangs up.

Three minutes later, he calls back saying, "Ok, you can take your time now, because I've shot them all," and hangs up.

Five minutes later four squad cars, a SWAT van, and a police helicopter arrive on scene. They catch the three shed robbers in the act, red-handed.

The police officer walks up to the old man and asks, "I thought you said you shot them all?"

He responds, "I thought you said there were no units in the area?"

#### LINNWOOD HOUSE



As mentioned last newsletter, a group of members and partners paid a visit to the historic Linnwood House in Guilford. We are fortunate, thanks to Jim McGrath, to have a couple of photos of the occasion.

