



# NEWSLETTER

## December 2024

**PRESIDENT**  
John Elvy

**SECRETARY**  
Chris Young

Website: probusmossvale.org.au  
Email: probusmossvale@gmail.com

*This content is private and confidential and  
for the use of Probosc Club of Moss Vale members only.*

### WHAT'S ON

10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Luncheon
December	No General Meeting
December	No Men's Coffee Club
December	No Ladies' Coffee
2 <sup>nd</sup> January	No Committee Meeting
9 <sup>th</sup> January	General Meeting as usual
16 <sup>th</sup> January	Ngununggula - Archibald Prize
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Men's Coffee Club returns.
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Cirque du Soleil
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Mayfield Gardens

### MEMBERS, PLEASE NOTE

As usual around this time of year there are lots of changes to the dates for our activities. Would you please note the following:-

- No general meeting in December.
- No coffee club for both gentlemen and ladies in December.
- No committee meeting in January but the general meetings will return on 9<sup>th</sup> January.
- Men's coffee club will also return in January on the last Wednesday as usual.

We hope you enjoy the Christmas and New Year break and we see you all bright and refreshed in 2025!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Although we don't meet in December, we would like to wish the December Birthday Boys a happy birthday and to assure them that we will have a special draw for them at the January general meeting.



John Dash  
Peter Evans  
Gerry Power  
Grant Winberg



### PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

*As another calendar year comes to a close, my thanks to our committee colleagues for their wonderful contribution to our club's activities. We enjoy our monthly meetings, discussing innovative and challenging opportunities as we strive to build membership and provide interesting and entertaining speakers at our meetings.*

*Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Christ. It has also become a culmination of different festivities across the spectrum of many different religions and cultures. It is a time to give, not only to our nearest and dearest, but those less fortunate, so they may enjoy this special time.*

*I look forward to celebrating with all Probosc members, their spouses, partners and friends at our forthcoming Christmas lunch on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at the Mittagong RSL.*

*Thank you for your support during my year. I hope you enjoy the rest of this Probosc year and wish you all a very happy, safe and healthy Christmas and New Year.*

*John Elvy*  
President



### CURRENT CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	65
Non-Active Members	8
Total Members	73

### FINANCE

Opening Balance November 1	\$3,591.58
Closing Balance November 30	\$8,079.68
Funds on Hold (Tours etc)	\$6,231.00
Current Net Balance	\$1,848.68

### CHRISTMAS IN DECEMBER

Bookings have closed for members and partners and around fifty friends will be enjoying a tasty Christmas lunch on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December upstairs at the Mittagong RSL. Please arrive around 12 noon for 12.30 start.



### CIRQUE DU SOLEIL

As previously notified, bookings for the Cirque du Soleil day trip on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 have closed. This has proved to be a very popular event, and we are all waiting in anticipation of an entertaining day out in February next year.

John Elvy will be contacting participants soon concerning bus travel to and from the event as well as lunch arrangements for the day.

So, give it a thought and when you decide to help, contact John Elvy on 0414 255 770.

### MORNING TEA with the ARCHIBALD



This is a double package, first you get to have morning tea with your friends from the Probus Club and then you get to see the Archibald Prize Exhibition right here in your local neighborhood at the Ngununggula Gallery!

This is a ticketed event so you will need to book for yourself and partners/friends to enjoy this morning out in the new year. The gallery entry plus your morning tea or barista coffee and homemade scones, jam and cream, or a selection of cakes costs a total of \$25 per person.

Date: Thursday 16 January.

Address: 1 Art Gallery Lane, East Bowral.

10.00AM Morning tea in Moonacres Café, with seating in Café and on balcony. Followed by the Archibald Prize Exhibition in the Gallery.

Cost: \$25 per person

Bookings close at the general meeting, 9<sup>th</sup> January but please book now [CLICK HERE](#) and pay by your usual method into the club account.

Further enquiries to Jim McGrath at 0409 374 741.

### MAYFIELD GARDENS AND ABERCROMBIE HOUSE.

Our incoming tours director for the next year, Mike McLaren, has been very busy and already has a major outing organised for your enjoyment.

The plan is to leave Bowral on Monday March 31 and to return on Tuesday April 1. On the first day we will visit the world-recognised Mayfield Gardens at Oberon. Mayfield is known as one of the loveliest gardens in the Southern Hemisphere. It is considered to be one of the best and largest cool climate gardens and should be amazing when we visit in early autumn.

Travel will be in individual cars from the Southern Highlands and will take about three hours to Mayfield, with time to stop for morning tea. Lunch will be in the café on arrival at Mayfield Gardens and afterwards a shuttle bus will be provided after lunch



to take us to the highest point of the gardens allowing an easier stroll back through the gardens.

We will then travel on to Bathurst for our overnight stay in the Heritage Inn in Bathurst and a group dinner is planned for the Monday evening.



On the Tuesday, we will be treated to a visit to Abercrombie House. This grand country home is an 1870s cultural gem, one of the top three tourist attractions of Bathurst, was the home of the Morgan Family for half a century. We will visit the gardens, paths and outbuildings and explore the reception rooms, grand staircase, ballroom, first floor bedrooms and corridors. Included is a light luncheon before we head back to the Southern Highlands.

Full details including costs will be published in the January edition of the Newsletter and that is when bookings will open. Bookings will close on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2025.

For more information, please email Mike McLaren at [mike.mclaren@hotmail.com.au](mailto:mike.mclaren@hotmail.com.au) or phone him on 0411174022.

**SO SAVE THE DATE - March 31 - April 1, 2025**

#### HOW TO MAKE PAYMENTS

ONLINE (Preferred)

BSB 032723 ACCOUNT 750434

Please identify your payment with your name.

CASH

Directly at a meeting.