



NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S ON

9 th January	General Meeting Welcome Back!
16 th January	Ngununggula & Archibald Prize
29 th January	Men's Coffee Club returns.
2 nd February	Cirque du Soleil
6 th February	Committee Meeting
13 th February	General Meeting
13 th February	Committee Nominations Close
26 th February	Men's Coffee Club
26 th February	Ladies' Coffee
31 st March	Mayfield Gardens

WELCOME BACK!

Regular monthly Probus meeting recommence on Thursday, 9th January and it would be great to see a good roll up of members to kick off our new year. How about making it your new year resolution to bring along a prospective member and introduce him to the benefits and fun of being a member of our club. The more the merrier and we can only maintain and increase our membership with your help.

Below is one of two photos in this edition taken at the annual Christmas Luncheon last year.



MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees are due to be paid not later than 31st March but let's not delay that long and it would assist greatly if you paid these fees now.

The membership fee remains the same as in previous years at \$40 plus we ask active members to pay for their morning teas for the whole year in advance at a cost of \$40 also. Making a total for the year of \$80 for active members and a total for non-active members of \$40 to be paid into the club account by your usual method. Please ensure you identify your payment with your name to make our treasurer's life a little easier!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

As usual when we come to the end of year we have a double lot of birthdays to celebrate and two draws, one draw for each month.

December birthdays for last year were:-

John Dash Peter Evans
Gerry Power Grant Winberg

And in January we are celebrating birthdays for:-

Hugh Scott Walter Wilson
Geoff Stewart John Dartnall
Marcus Maclean Chris Young

May you all have a happy and healthy 2025 and good luck in the birthday draw!

JANUARY SPEAKERS

Our club speaker for the January meeting is Tom Currie, who will speak on 'Caribbean Adventures'

He will be followed by Chris Young who will present the second part of his talk about flying in New Guinea with his talk telling of the mission to search for and rescue of survivors of the crash of a RAAF Caribou in the Papua New Guinea highlands.

CURRENT CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Active Members 65
Non-Active Members 8
Total Members 73

COMMITTEE 2025-26

We are still looking to fill a couple of positions available for willing volunteers amongst the members. Being on the committee involves a couple of hours a month and one extra meeting a month with a social cup of coffee afterwards.

Some members seem to wait until they are asked but we don't know if you don't tell us. So, if you would like to help to organise the club please contact one of the current committee and you will be most welcome.

MEN'S COFFEE CLUB

Well, since we met last November, some interesting events have occurred requiring that we meet again to offer our insight and solutions to these many and vexing problems!

The members coffee club will convene for the first time in 2025 at the Bowral Bowling Club at 10am on Wednesday, 29th January. All members are welcome to attend and participate in discussions.

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL

As previously notified, bookings for the Cirque du Soleil day trip on 2nd 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 at the ARCHIBALD

BOOKINGS CLOSING!

In this special morning out members and their partners will be treated to morning tea with your friends from the Probus Club at the Ngununggula Gallery Café in East Bowral and then the Archibald Prize Exhibition in the gallery right next door! Booking close for this event at the general meeting on Thursday 9th January. Please book now [CLICK HERE](#) and pay by your usual method into the club account.



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 16th 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

Please book by [CLICKING HERE](#) and paying by your usual method into the club account
Further enquiries to Jim McGrath on 0409 374 741.

MAYFIELD GARDENS AND ABERCROMBIE HOUSE.

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THIS TRIP.

This tour is open to both members, their partners and guests. 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 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 at a local restaurant for Monday evening.

On 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.

The brief details are:-

- Monday 31st March to Tuesday 1st April
 - Travel by private car – sharing suggested.
 - Mayfield Garden and Abercrombie House
 - Bathurst Region
 - One night in a motel
 - Projected cost Couples \$360/ singles \$280.
 - Deposit –Couples \$100 and singles \$50.
 - Balance to be paid 13th March
 - Light lunch included on Tuesday but other meals and beverages at your own expense
- Bookings will definitely close on Thursday, 13th March, 2025.

Please make your booking by [CLICKING HERE](#) and then pay the deposit of \$100 or \$50 into the club account by your preferred method.

For more information, please contact John Elvy on 0414 255 770.



HOW TO MAKE PAYMENTS

ONLINE (Preferred)

BSB 032723 ACCOUNT 750434

Please identify your payment with your name.

CASH

Directly at a meeting.