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MOSS VALE MEN'S PROBUS CLUB Inc.



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**WHAT'S ON**

13 <sup>th</sup> March	Annual General Meeting
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Men's Coffee.
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Ladies' Coffee
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Mayfield Gardens
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Committee Meeting
10 <sup>th</sup> April	General Meeting
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Men's Coffee Club
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Ladies' Coffee
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Golden Vale Homestead
4 <sup>th</sup> July	National Braille Music Concert

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS**

Members are notified that the Annual General meeting of the Moss Vale Men's Probus Club will take place on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 10am in the Alexandra Room at the Mittagong RSL Club. All members are invited to attend.

As the secretary received no additional nominations for the positions on the committee, the following are declared elected and will be inducted into these positions at the Annual General Meeting.

President: John Milhinch  
Vice President: Chris Young  
Past President: John Elvy  
Secretary: Chris Young  
Treasurer: Grant Winberg  
Speakers: John Elvy  
Membership: Mike Hissey & Lloyd Miller  
Tours: John Elvy & Marty Flaxman  
Functions: Jim McGrath  
Welfare: John te Wechel  
Newsletter/Website: Bruce Pearson  
Auditor: Frank Conroy

**THANK YOU**

Two long serving and valued members of the committee are retiring this year. Malcolm Stephens who has filled a number of positions during his time

including President and Welfare holds the distinction of being the only president to be elected for two consecutive terms and guiding the club through the difficult covid era.

Also retiring is Geoff MacBean who has managed an outstanding speaker program which has been interesting, entertaining and diversified.

Thank you to both gentlemen for your considerable contributions to our club.

**MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Time is running out for members to pay their annual fees as the closing date for payment is Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> March after which you will become unfinancial.

But please check if you have already paid your membership fees to prevent double payment.

The membership fee remains the same as in previous years at \$40 plus we ask active members to pay for their morning tea 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.

Enquiries to Grant Winberg on 0419 290 850.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

A big happy birthday to the following members of the club.

Tom Currie              Piero Dal Bianco  
Bruce Windybank      Paul Phillips  
Rick Reynolds

After celebrating two of our members turning 90 last month we have another this month. Best birthday wishes and congratulations go to Tom Currie. Well done, Tom!

**MARCH SPEAKER**

As the annual general meeting will take place this month there will be no club speaker.

The guest speaker is Michael McCabe who holds the position of Director of Communities and Place. Holding a Master's in Property Development, Michael is passionate about exploring the intersection of planning, property, and service delivery, with a focus on achieving valuable results for the community.

**CLUB FINANCES**

Opening balance 1 <sup>st</sup> February	\$4,068.95
Closing balance 28 <sup>th</sup> February	\$5,384.75
Outstanding transactions	\$1224.00
Balance	\$2916.75

**CURRENT CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

Active Members	66
Non-Active Members	7
Total Members	73

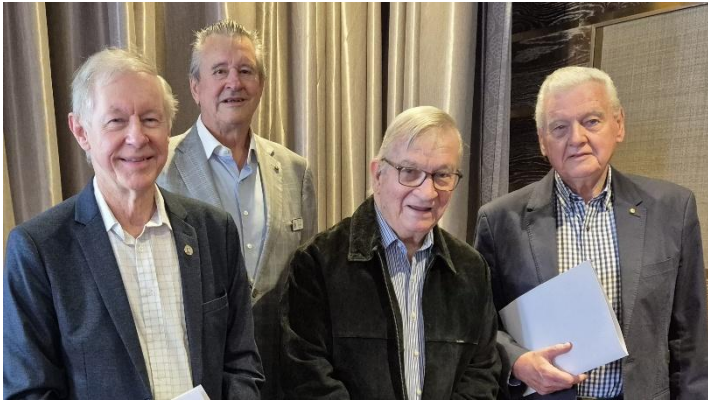
Mike McLaren has resigned from the club.

## WELFARE

Can't make it to a meeting because of your health? Lonely and need a visit from someone? Need transport to and from the meetings?

Contact Malcolm Stephens on 0475 436 470

## INDUCTIONS



Pictured are the three new inductees with President John Elvy at our February meeting.

And we have another new member this month. He is Jean-Marie Simat. He is giving up a career in banking in France, Saudi Arabia, Japan and South Korea and as an entrepreneur in Australia to join us in Bowral. He is looking forward to cooking, reading, playing tennis and going on club outings with his partner Leonie. Please make Jean-Marie welcome!

## MEN'S COFFEE CLUB

All members are always welcome at the Bowral Bowling Club at 10am on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March. Come along for coffee and join in the wide-ranging discussions.

## SAVE THE DATE

This is a concert not to be missed, so save Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> July on your calendar to join us at the National Braille Music Concert in Mittagong.

## MAYFIELD GARDENS AND ABERCROMBIE HOUSE.

**For those who have already booked would you please pay the balance minus your deposit into the club account.** This is also your last chance to book the overnight trip to Bathurst as it closes at the next general meeting. The tour is open to both members, their partners and guests. The visit will include Mayfield Gardens, Abercrombie House and a restaurant dinner on Monday night.

The brief details are:-

- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March to Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April
- Travel by private car – sharing suggested.
- Mayfield Garden and Abercrombie House

## HOW TO MAKE PAYMENTS

### ONLINE (Preferred)

BSB 032723 ACCOUNT 750434

Please identify your payment with your name.

### CASH

Directly at a meeting.

- Bathurst Region
- One night in a motel
- Motel \$175 to be paid individually at motel.
- Entry Mayfield Gardens, morning tea & tour at Abercrombie House and the Thai Restaurant – Couples \$198 Singles \$100. **Please deduct any deposit when paying.**
- **Balance to be paid by Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> March.**
- Other meals & beverages at your own expense
- Bookings close on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> March. Please make your booking by [CLICKING HERE](#) and then pay the full amount into the club account by your preferred method. Enquires Jim McGrath on 0409 374 741

## GOLDEN VALE HOMESTEAD



A special visit has been arranged to the historic homestead of Golden Vale at Sutton Forest on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

Golden Vale was home to many owners over the years. The land was first promised to free settler Michael Hogan, who sold Golden Vale to emancipated convict Thomas Wilmot in 1830 for 39 pounds. Edward Carter later purchased Golden Vale from Wilmot in 1857 and built the grand homestead to house his growing family.

The homestead features an extensive collection of furniture and art, as well as outbuildings dating from the nineteenth century, including stables and woolshed.

The day will start with morning tea at 10:30 and then a guided tour at 11 o'clock. Lunch will be at the Sutton Forest Inn at 12:30.

Details:

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 10:30am

278 Golden Vale Road, Sutton Forest

Travel by private car (sharing encouraged).

Lunch at Sutton Forest Inn at 12:30

\$22 per person and lunch is at your own cost.

All members and their partners are welcome to attend. To book [CLICK HERE](#) and then pay the appropriate amount into the club account by your favourite method. Please follow this two-step process to make things easy for us.

Bookings close on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

Enquiries to Jim McGrath at 0409 374 741