



NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S ON

10 th April	Annual Meeting
30 th April	Men's Coffee.
30 th April	Ladies' Coffee
1 st May	Committee Meeting
8 th May	General Meeting – Partner's Day
22 nd May	Golden Vale Homestead
28 th May	Men's Coffee Club
28 th May	Ladies' Coffee
4 th July	National Braille Music Concert

ANNUAL REPORT

Past President, John Elvy, is pleased to present the annual report for the year 2024-25. This report may be accessed on the internet at [CLICK HERE](#).

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY!

Members celebrating their birthday this month are

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

Special greetings to Graham Balfe who reaches the octagenarian status this month.

APRIL SPEAKERS

The April Club Speaker is ex Air Force and club member, Jim Cole, who will speak on the significance of the Avro Lancaster "G FOR GEORGE", a WW2 bomber on display in the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

HOW TO MAKE PAYMENTS

ONLINE (Preferred)

BSB 032723 ACCOUNT 750434

Please identify your payment with your name.

CASH

Directly at a meeting.

Our Guest Speaker will be Dr James Rowe. B.Pharm.M.Sc.Ph.D. FRSN Dr, on the topic "Generic and Branded Pharmaceuticals: Is there a difference?"

Dr Rowe qualified as a pharmacist has spent over 40 years in research and development on pharmaceutical products in the pharmaceutical industry and academia in Europe and Australia.

CLUB FINANCES

Opening balance 1 st March	\$5,384.75
Closing balance 28 th February	\$5674.75
Expenses on Hold	\$2024.00
Balance	\$3562.75

CURRENT CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	68
Non-Active Members	6
Total Members	74

Mike McLaren has resigned from the club.

INDUCTIONS

Again, this month we have two new members being introduced. We are always happy to welcome new members so if you have a friend who would be interested, please bring them along. Remember, they can attend three meetings before making the decision to join.

Our first inductee is Paul Bernard who leaves a life in foreign affairs and trade to follow his hobbies of military history, gardening and travel. Welcome Paul and his partner Susie to the club when you meet them at one of our gatherings.

Len Tully is also becoming a member this month. Len, an architect, hopes to improve his golf and follow his interest in art in retirement. Welcome!

MEN'S COFFEE CLUB

Bowral Bowling Club at 10am on Wednesday, 30th April is the venue for the next coffee club and "think tank" on world affairs and other matters so we would appreciate your input.

BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

Just a short whinge about booking arrangements.

Our tours and event organisers spend some time finding and organising outings that are of interest and fun. You could help enormously by booking early so arrangements and numbers can be confirmed with the venues. Without this information we can never be sure whether or not the outing will proceed or if it will need to be cancelled.

Secondly, and also of great help, would be if you could follow the booking procedure. The procedure involves, in the first instance, clicking on the link and completing the online booking information. Once that has been completed, please pay the appropriate amount by your preferred means (we

like EFT) to the club account. Invited guests and friends attending may also use this procedure.

Some members are doing both while others are doing one or the other. This leads to confusion and overcomplication for organisers. Thank you for your help in this matter.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

If you are looking for a JP to witness documents, there are at least two in the club, Grant Winberg 0419 290 850 and Paul Phillips 0414 256 066. If you need a JP give them a call.

Are there other JPs in the club who would like to be listed? Let the secretary know please. They will also be listed in the new membership lists when they are published soon.

MAYFIELD GARDENS AND ABERCROMBIE HOUSE.

A successful and enjoyable time was had by all on the recent Mayfield Garden trip, as can be seen by this photo of the desserts at the pub dinner!



GOLDEN VALE HOMESTEAD – **BOOK NOW**

Book now for to the historic homestead of Golden Vale at Sutton Forest on Thursday, 22nd May.

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

We'll be welcomed at the homestead at 10:30 with a cup of tea or coffee and this will be followed at 11am with a one hour tour of the homestead, the shearing sheds and surrounds. At 12:30 we will gather at the Sutton Forest Inn for lunch.

Details:

Thursday, 22nd 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.

Please book now! To book [CLICK HERE](#) and then pay the appropriate amount into the club account by your usual method. Please follow this two-step process to make things easy for us.

Bookings close on Thursday 8th May.

Enquiries to Jim McGrath at 0409 374 741

NATIONAL BRAILLE MUSIC CONCERT

Every year young vision impaired people gather in Mittagong for the National Braille Music Camp in



July and every year, at the end of their camp, they present what can only be described as a sensational and entertaining concert. This concert highlights the talents and abilities of these young people, and you will be delighted by the display of their abilities.

We are offering members and partners a chance to experience this as a member of our club.

Details are:-

Date: Friday 4th July at 7:30pm

Where: Clubbe Hall, Frensham, Waverley Parade Mittagong.

Cost: \$32 per person

Transport: Private car (read further info. below)

Regarding transport, the committee realises that some members may not like driving at night, but we don't want members to miss this opportunity. In the booking form we are asking for an indication of those who would prefer not to drive at night and for those members who are driving and are willing to offer the others transport to and from the concert in their car. In this way it is hoped that all those who wish to attend can do so.

Book now [CLICK HERE!](#)

Further information: Jim McGrath at 0409 374 741

SAVE THE DATE

We are planning to have a Partners Day at our April Meeting with a special guest speaker to be revealed in the next newsletter. So, mark May 8 on your calendar and bring your partner along to enjoy the morning tea and maybe a meal in the bistro afterwards with fellow members and partners.