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MOSS VALE MEN'S PROBUS CLUB Inc.



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WHAT'S ON

10 th July	General Meeting
30 th July	Men's Coffee.
30 th July	Ladies' Coffee
7 th August	Committee Meeting
14 th August	General Meeting
27 th August	Men's Coffee Club
27 th August	Ladies' Coffee
28 th August	Q Station Overnight
18 th September	Berrima Courthouse/Lunch
4 th October	G&S @ Bundanoon
9 th October	Probus Combined Meeting and Partner's Day

And in July the Birthdays Are

Frank Conroy Arthur Delbridge
Bruce Pearson Malcolm Stephens

A very happy birthday to these long-time club members and I wish them all luck in the birthday draw just not as much luck as me!

MEN'S COFFEE CLUB

The "brains trust" we know as the Men's Coffee Club will again meet to discuss the many weighty problems we face on Wednesday, 30th July at the Bowral Bowling Club. Come along and contribute your views and advice to this convivial coffee group.

CLUB FINANCES

Opening balance 1 st May	\$3642.25
Closing balance 30 th May	\$4162.25
Expenses on Hold	\$1238.50
Balance	\$2923.75

CURRENT CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	65
Non-Active Members	6
Total Members	71

A special mention to Kevin Ferrari who has been a club member for 20 years and will be presented with his 20-year badge. Well done Kevin!

INDUCTION

We are pleased to welcome Alan Hayes as a club member and hope to see him and partner, Karen, at one of our functions soon. Alan comes to us after a working life in education at university level, but he now will be very busy with his interests in gardening, photography, fine arts, history, gym and hiking as well as volunteering with Anglicare Disaster Recovery Team!

JULY SPEAKERS

Marty Flaxman with his topic Food - Facts and Fiction, is our club speaker for July and with his background in food service consultancy and as a dietician and kitchen designer, this should be of interest to all.



Following Marty is Scott Britnell, a Dakar Rally Champion. For those unfamiliar with the Dakar Rally it is probably best described as an endurance race known for its challenging off-road endurance races, traversing diverse and rugged terrains in northern Africa and the Middle East. This promises to be an adventure filled talk as he tackled it on a motorbike!

Q STATION OVERNIGHTER

BOOKINGS OPEN

Bookings for the visit and overnight stay at the old quarantine station at North Head near Manly are being taken.

A package has been put together and includes:

- Overnight accommodation for 2
- 2-course dinner in the award-winning Boiler House Kitchen & Bar for 2
- Buffet breakfast in Views Restaurant for 2
- Quarantine Wander History Tour for 2

The price is calculated per room and is \$390. That's two (or one) people for just \$390 per room.

You are welcome to drive to the site but vehicles are not allowed on the actual site, so a shuttle bus is provided from the entrance. You can also choose to go by train to Central, Ferry to Manly and then either public bus or taxi to nearby North Head.

Out of pocket expenses will be for lunch on both Thursday and Friday plus drinks etc.

The venue advised that there is walking, and stairs involved and that a moderate level of fitness and mobility is advised for participants.

There is a shuttle bus that is available on call for transfers around the site. This shuttle bus also transfers participants from the front gate to/from accommodation and to various venues on site. No private cars on site.

- There are **only ten rooms available** currently, and you are advised to use the booking link to secure your place as soon as possible.

When? The planned dates are Thursday, 28th August and return Friday 29th August.

Payment? A deposit of \$100 per room is required when booking. After you have filled out the booking form, please go to your financial institution's app to pay the \$100 into the club account.

Final payment will be required by Friday, 1st August and cancellations/refunds will be accepted up until Friday, 8th August.

Ready to book? Please [CLICK HERE](#) to secure your room and then pay in your usual manner.

Enquiries: John Elvy on 0414 255 770.

BERRIMA COURTHOUSE BOOKINGS NOW OPEN



The jury is waiting for you and by the look of it, a guilty verdict is very possible. As promised last month, bookings are now open for the guided tour of Berrima's Historic Courthouse and lunch at the equally historic Surveyor's Inn. Members and their partners are required to appear at the courthouse on Thursday, 18th September at 10am and after at the Surveyor's Inn for lunch and maybe a small drink!

The cost for all this, including the lunch, is \$52 per person. There are several choices for lunch and please arrange your own transport.

Book now in the usual way, by [CLICKING HERE](#) and then transferring payment by your preferred method to the club account.

Bookings close 11th September.

Enquiries: Jim McGrath 0409 374 741

GILBERT & SULLIVAN BUNDANOON BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

The excursion to the performance by The Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Company of Sydney has proved very popular over the years and this year will be no exception. The performance is in the Bundanoon Memorial Hall and the performance this year of "The Sorcerer". This opera relates the story of a young man, Alexis, who is obsessed with the idea of love



levelling all ranks and social distinctions. To promote his beliefs, he invites the proprietor of J. W. Wells & Co., Family Sorcerers, to brew a love potion. What could go wrong? Details: Saturday, 4th October with lunch at the Bundanoon Hotel before the performance at 11:30 with the performance at 1:30.

The cost is \$38 per person which covers your entry into the performance. Your lunch and drinks are at your own expense.

Book by [CLICKING HERE](#) and then pay the appropriate amount into the club account by your preferred method.

Bookings close 27th September

Enquiries: Jim McGrath 0409 374 741

PROBUS MONTH



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Over the last few years October has been celebrated as 'Probus Month' in an effort to raise the profile of Probus in general and to encourage more of our age group to join and share in the special benefits we enjoy as a group. This year on Thursday, 9th October Chris Young has organized an outstanding speaker in

Ross Coultardt for a huge, combined/partners meeting with Probus members coming from as far away as Goulburn.

Ross was involved in retrieving historic glass photographs from the French village of Vignacourt where a local photographer had taken hundreds of photographs in his home of Australian soldiers serving at the Front during World War I.

So, join the crowd in October and enjoy lunch in the club afterwards with your Probus friends.

Enquiries: Chris Young 0488 612 213

HAVE YOU HEARD THIS ONE?

A 95 year old man walked into a bar with a colourful parrot on his shoulder. The barman asks, "Hey, where did you get him?"

The parrot answers, "At a nursing home, they're all over the place there!"

OR

The chief engineer on a steam train got a new apprentice. "What's your name, son?" the older man barked.

"It's Charles, sir," the apprentice replied.

"Listen to me, boy!" the engineer shouted angrily, "I have never called an apprentice by his first name! What's your last name, son?"

"It's Darling, sir."

"All right then, Charlie. Let's start shovelling some coal..."