



## NEWSLETTER August 2025

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### WHAT'S ON

14 <sup>th</sup> August	General Meeting
27 <sup>th</sup> August	Men's Coffee.
27 <sup>th</sup> August	Ladies' Coffee
28 <sup>th</sup> August	Q Station Overnight <b>Cancelled</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Committee Meeting
11 <sup>th</sup> September	General Meeting
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Berrima Courthouse/Lunch
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Men's Coffee Club
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Ladies' Coffee
4 <sup>th</sup> October	G&S @ Bundanoon
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Probuss Combined Meeting and Partner's Day
30 <sup>th</sup> October	Lunch at the Monarco

### MEN'S COFFEE CLUB

We had an excellent rollup at the last coffee club gathering where the topic of AI was discussed amongst other subjects. At the meeting, photographic evidence was circulated that certain members had formed a heavy metal rock group! If you want to find out about this and other fascinating details come along and join us at the Bowral Bowling Club on the last Wednesday of the month, 27<sup>th</sup> August. All members welcome!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday .....

Randolph Barnes	Rob Chapman
Peter Eustace	Roger Hodgson
Jim McGrath	Graeme Stapelfeldt

This month Roger Hodgson celebrates a big one with his ninetieth birthday. Happy birthday and well done Roger!

### VALE DEREK BARNES

Sadly, we lost Derek Barnes this month. Long-time member, Derek, joined our club in July 2005 and had just achieved his 20-year badge. Our condolences go to Mary and all of Derek's family.

### CURRENT CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	65
Non-Active Members	5
Total Members	70

### INDUCTION

We are adding two new members to our list this month with the induction of Tim Fowell who is has retired from a career as an Englis/History teacher in our high schools. He will be enjoying bridge, golf and membership benefits of our club with his partner, Rhonda from now on.

Our second induction is Geoff Body, a former farmer, grazier and tyre engineer who has given all that up to indulge in his hobby of radio-controlled yachts. We hope to see Geof and his partner Rosemary with us on an outing soon.

Please make yourself known to these new members at your earliest opportunity.

### CLUB FINANCES

Opening balance 1 <sup>st</sup> July	\$4162.25
Closing balance 31 <sup>st</sup> July	\$4973.75
Expenses on Hold	\$2571.00
Balance	\$2402.75

### AUGUST SPEAKERS

Looks like we are having a medical month with our Augst speakers!

Club speaker for August is plastic surgeon Richard Barnett, who will be talking on providing wound care education in remote Australia. After the break Dr Shawn Tyler, from Wollongong University's Graduate School of Medicine, will speak on the university's simulated patient programme and the university's new centre in the Southern Highlands.

### Q STATION OVERNIGHTER CANCELLED

The overnight visit to Q Station at North Head on 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> August has had to be cancelled due to a lack of participant bookings for the event.

This is particularly disappointing as it promised to be not only of historical interest but also had spectacular views of the harbour and highly rated restaurants.

Members are requested to book early when tours and functions are advertised as the committee has deadlines and closing dates for bookings to comply with and a minimum number of participants. Unless we can break even financially on an activity we are forced to cancel.

Enquiries: John Elvy on 0414 255 770.

### TOURS and OUTINGS SURVEY

Our tours organizer, John Elvy, is seeking some guidance regarding your preferences regarding the type, cost and frequency of outings and tours. The committee regards these as a core activity of the

club promoting fellowship and friendship between fellow members and partners throughout the club.

The survey is short and should take only a couple of minutes at the most. There will be two options, the first will be to complete the form online by using this [CLICK HERE](#) option and the second will be sent in a separate email with the form attached for you to print and complete and hand it to John Elvy at the next meeting. Your choice!

The survey is anonymous.

Help us to help you by responding to the survey which closes on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Thank you for your time.

Enquiries: John Elvy on 0414 255 770

### **BERRIMA COURTHOUSE - BOOKINGS STILL OPEN**

Bookings have been rolling in for lunch at the historic Surveyor's Inn in Berrima combined with the guided visit to the old and also historic Berrima Court House. In times gone by Berrima was on the main road south and travellers on horseback and stagecoach passed through the village so the area has a rich history. The substantial goal that was built there shows that the courthouse we are visiting had plenty of customers! Members and partners are invited to join us on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> September at 11 am 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 there is sure to be a choice that you will enjoy. 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 11<sup>th</sup> September.**

Enquiries: Jim McGrath 0409 374 741

### **GILBERT & SULLIVAN BUNDANOON**

#### **BOOKINGS ALMOST GONE**

As usual, the annual performance by the G&S Opera Sydney has proved very popular and, as we have been allocated limited seats, if you intend to go, now is the time to make your booking. To make your booking [CLICK HERE](#).

The performance is in the Bundanoon Memorial Hall and the performance this year of "The Sorcerer". It is the story of a young man, Alexis, who hires a group of sorcerers, to brew "an elixir of love" which causes widespread, comical mismatches in a village, leading to unexpected consequences and highlighting the absurdities of love and social conventions.

Members who have attended this outing on previous occasions should note the new times. Lunch will start at the Bundanoon Hotel at 11:30 and the performance is also earlier than usual at 1:30 pm.

Details: Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 only, and the special lunch menu 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 27<sup>th</sup> September

Enquiries: Jim McGrath 0409 374 741

### **PROBUS MONTH**

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, 9<sup>th</sup> 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

### **INTERNATIONAL DINING!**

Would you like "mouthwatering appetizers, delectable main courses, or decadent desserts, international cuisines, carefully crafted with fresh, locally sourced ingredients"? Then this is for you!

A luncheon at the renowned "Monaco Restaurant", Bowral has been arranged with a selected menu for you with a selection of mains and desserts plus tea/coffee. Bookings are available for members and their partners for this exciting French restaurant with plenty of choices.

Details:

Monaco Restaurant, 52 Station Street, Bowral  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

12 for 12.30 start, closing at 3.00pm.

Cost: \$60 per person (main, dessert, tea/coffee)

Drinks: Own cost but discount offered on wine.

This is a smallish restaurant so if you would like to attend, please book your seat early and avoid disappointment. To book [CLICK HERE](#).

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### **SCAM WORKSHOP**

Scams are a fact of life but how can we avoid being trapped? The council has organized a free of charge scam workshop to be held in Moss Vale, Tuesday 26 August 10am morning tea, 10.30-11.30 workshop, Civic Centre Theatre, 68 Elizabeth St Moss Vale. For more information [CLICK HERE](#).