



NEWSLETTER October 2025

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WHAT'S ON

1 st October	PROBUS MONTH
9 th October	Probus Combined Meeting and Partner's Day
23 rd October	Lunch at the Monaco Bookings Closing
29 th October	Men's Coffee.
29 th October	Ladies' Coffee
6 th November	General Meeting
13 th November	Committee Meeting
26 th November	Men's Coffee Club
26 th November	Ladies' Coffee
4 th December	Christmas Luncheon

MEN'S COFFEE CLUB

Put 29th October in your diary to remind you to come alone for a chat at the members' coffee club meeting at Bowral Bowling Club. For the newcomers to the club this is a smaller gathering with a chance to contribute informally to the wide variety of topics that coffee (or tea) drinking members like to bring along. It is again on the last Wednesday of the month on 29th October at 10am. All members welcome!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October is the month that I would have liked to be born so I could increase the odds of winning the famous bottle of birthday wine. The odds of winning are pretty good!

Happy birthday Rupert Edwards and Michael Ellis.

CURRENT CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	68
Non-Active Members	5
Total Members	73

Meeting attendance recently has been encouraging and we were getting up to 73% of members. I don't know what happened last month,

but we had a big drop to 57%. Where were you? We missed you!

We hope to see you all at the special October meeting.

OCTOBER FINANCES

Opening balance 1 st Oct.	\$5994.25
Closing balance 31 st Oct.	\$5034.25
Expenses on Hold	\$2165.00
Balance	\$2869.25

OCTOBER SPEAKER

October is Probus Month and you probably already know that the club has organised an extra special gathering for our meeting on Thursday next, 9th October. Please note that your partner and also your friends are invited along to hear this outstanding presentation by Ross Coultardt on the recovery of the photos on glass from the village of Vignacourt in France that had been taken of Australian soldiers during the First World War.

The arrangements are as follows

Date: 9th October

Time:

9:45am Gather in the Alexandra Room as usual for a cup of coffee/tea prior to the meeting.

10:00 Move into the auditorium and find a seat ready for the presentation.

10:30 Welcome by John Elvy followed by Ross Coultardt's presentation.

12:00 Lunch in the Bistro if you choose.

You will have no general meeting this month. There could be up to 200 people attending this event and it was felt that finding a good seat in the auditorium was a higher priority.

I would like to thank Chris Young, our hard-working secretary, for the time and effort he has put into organising this unique event. Thanks Chris!

Enquiries: Chris Young 0488 612 213

BERRIMA COURTHOUSE

On a delightful Highlands Spring Day, members and guests of the Moss Vale Men's Probus Club recently visited the historic Berrima Courthouse where they experienced a guided tour and dramatised court proceedings scripted directly from a notorious 19th Century murder trial.



The history of this historic Courthouse is fascinating. As the colony of New South Wales began to emerge from its convict origins, proper court houses were needed as places for the administration of justice. These buildings were the symbols, even in the Australian bush, of the central place that law and justice played in our British-based social system. Designed in the Greek Revival style by Colonial Architect, Mortimer Lewis, the foundation stone was laid in 1835 and by 1839 the building was complete. An important part of the town of Berrima, the courthouse was also the centre of public administration where licenses were issued to publicans and hawkers and where convicts were assigned as farm workers. During the First World War, German officers who had been made prisoners of war were housed in the building. Careful restoration of the building to something resembling its original state was undertaken by the Department of Public Works in 1976.

The Club's visit to Berrima was complete with a happy and relaxed lunch at the equally historic Surveyor General Inn.

Thanks to Michael Hissey for this report.

INTERNATIONAL DINING!

BOOKINGS CLOSING

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.

If you would like to sample the tastes of this varied menu, 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 23rd October. 12 for 12.30 start.

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](#).

Bookings Close Thursday 16th October.

Enquiries: John te Wechel 0451 678 780

YOUNG TOURISTS

John Elvy has planned a touring holiday for Young tourists. No, no, no! Not young tourists but tourists to go to the town of Young!

This tour is for all members and their partners and offers a leisurely drive in the Southern Tablelands to the town of Young for an overnight stay and then on through Temora to Cootamundra for another night in a motel. There are no huge

distances to travel and we will be stopping along the way to visit interesting places and enjoy not only the food but the company of other members.

This outing has been planned for Thursday, 18th February through to Saturday 20th February.

The draft itinerary looks like this

Thursday

Travel via Goulburn to Crookwell for morning tea at "Cake Me Up" and then Young for lunch at Wilkies Restaurant. In the afternoon choose to go to the Lambing Flats Chinese Gardens, the Grove Estate Winery, shopping in town or go and have a rest at the motel. Happy Hour happens around 5pm with dinner at the nearby services club.

Friday

A short trip from Young to the White Rose Café at Temora for morning tea and then on to the Aviation Museum. After lunch there the Temora Rural Museum, a fascinating reflection of the past times in rural regions. Then on to Cootamundra for another Happy Hour, dinner and bed.

Saturday

It is not a long drive home from here and morning tea to break the journey at Tootsie's at Yass will give you a rest along the way. Some may choose to wander around Cootamundra for a while and for cricket tragics there's the Bradman Birthplace Museum and the Captain's Walk in the park.

Dates: 18th to 20th February 2026

Travel: Private car.

Cost: Accommodation and entry to attractions will be less than \$500. All meals and beverages are at your own individual cost.

Bookings are open [CLICK HERE](#) and a deposit of \$100 per booking is required.

Bookings close on 15th January 2026.

Enquiries: John Elvy on 0414 255 770

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 2025

And just like that it's Christmas again! Our annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on Thursday, 4th December (no general meeting this month) and you and your partner are invited along.

Where: Hickory's Restaurant at Peppers Craigieburn

When: Thursday, 4th December.

Time: 12:00 for 12:30

Cost: \$80 per person

You will receive a welcome drink on arrival of either beer, wine or soft drink, a two-course alternate drop Christmas Menu followed by Nespresso coffee and tea. The whole restaurant will be decorated for the occasion and there will be Christmas decorations on the tables.

Come along and join us on this festive occasion by making your booking [CLICK HERE](#) and then pay the appropriate amount into the club account by your preferred method (we like EFTPOS).

Bookings close 27th November.

Enquiries John te Wechel 0451 678 780

HOW TO MAKE PAYMENTS

ONLINE (Preferred)

BSB 032723 ACCOUNT 750434

Please identify your payment with your name.

CASH

Directly at a meeting.