



NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S ON

12 th February	General Meeting
18-20 February	Young Trip
25 th February	Coffee Club Recommences
25 th February	Ladies Coffee Recommences
5 th March	Committee Meeting
12 th March	General Meeting Annual General Meeting
26 th March	Eling Morning Tea

DECEMBER/JANUARY/FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

The wait is over for the birthday boys in December and January because we will have your lucky draw for the bottle of celebration wine at this general meeting. For December we have

Paul Bernard John Dash
Peter Evans Gerry Power
Grant Winberg

Then we have the January Birthdays

John Dartnall Marcus Maclean
Hugh Scott Geoff Stewart
Geoff Verco Roy Ward
Walter Wilson Chris Young

And then we have the February Birthday Boys

John Elvy Michael Hissey
Geoff MacBean John Maffey
Ross Meredith Richard Miall
Brian Pemberton

Happy birthday and good luck in the draw!

AGM

Notice is given of Moss Vale Men's Probus Club's Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 12th March. Commencing at 10am. All financial members are invited to attend this important meeting.

At this meeting members will be asked to vote on several items that directly affect the future directions of the club.

The club constitution and Standing Resolutions have been updated and will require, after discussion, your vote to be adopted. At this meeting the new committee for the forthcoming year will also be elected and inducted.

Links to information on these are available elsewhere in the newsletter.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance as at January 1	\$4075.75
Expenditure January	\$240.00
Funds on Hold	\$1521.50
Net balance as of January 31	\$2594.25

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Yes, it's that time of year again and your membership fees are due. You will need to pay before 31st March to maintain your membership of the club.

The committee, after much deliberation, has decided that due to the numerous rises in the PSPL capitation fee over the years, to increase the membership fee to \$45. This represents a huge increase of 12.5% (actually it is just a \$5 increase).

But look at it this way, I have been a member for over 10 years and during that time the membership fee has remained at \$40 except for one year when the committee *decreased* it to \$20 because of the fewer meetings during the Covid epidemic.

The above fee will be presented at the next general meeting for discussion and ratification.

Payments of annual fees and morning tea fees are now being accepted. For active members that means a fee of \$45 for membership plus \$40 for morning tea giving a total of \$85. Non-active membership (for those who do not attend meetings) is \$45. Membership may be paid by [CLICKING HERE](#) and completing the form and then by depositing the appropriate amount in the club account through your financial institution or by your usual means. Details of this elsewhere in the newsletter.

Thank you for your support.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Active Members	69
Non-Active Members	5
Total Membership	74

INDUCTIONS

We have two inductions at this month's meeting, which is a good way to start our new year.

Welcome to our club Terry Sheahan and Bruce Battye, we hope you enjoy your time with us!

Terry joins us after a long career in law and as a minister in the state government and intends devoting some time in his retirement to his interests in cricket and rugby whilst keeping up to date in current and political affairs. We hope to see Terry and partner Jennifer at an outing soon.

Bruce who is also joining us was a pharmacist with various roles in the state department and ministry of health. He also likes cricket and adds rugby league, motor racing, reading and travel to his

list of interests. Marlyne is his partner and we welcome them both to the club.

FEBRUARY SPEAKERS

The speakers at our meetings are both interesting and entertaining and this month's speakers will be no different!

The first speaker for 2026 will be fellow member, Terry Rice who will relate some tales of his time in 10 Squadron RAAF.

Our special guest speaker is Greg de Moore. Greg is a Greg de Moore is a psychiatrist and author. His books have won and been short-listed for numerous awards including the National Biography Award.

He will be speaking about his book "Tom Wills" who was a prominent figure in the early development of cricket in the colonies in the 1850-60's and founded the Aboriginal cricket team that toured England in 1868. Greg will relate Tom's eventful and tragic life.

Please note that Greg's book, "Tom Wills" will be available for purchase at the meeting. The price is \$20.

CONSTITUTION & STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Every so often we are required to go through the process of updating our constitution. The required document is supplied to us by PSPL and has already been approved by Fair Trading with whom we are registered. Consequently, few changes can be made to this document. A copy of the constitution to be adopted by our club and other clubs throughout NSW is available [CLICK HERE](#) and will be voted on at the March 12 meeting.

The Standing Resolutions also require an update, and these relate to the general operation of our club and can be changed more often. A copy of the Standing Resolutions can be viewed by [CLICKING HERE](#).

You are encouraged to read both these documents as they will be presented for discussion and adoption at the March 12 meeting. If you require any more information, contact a member of the current committee.

NEW COMMITTEE 2026-27

As previously mentioned, at the AGM a new committee will be elected. As usual, we have not been inundated with applications to join the committee but there is still time if you are interested in taking on a role.

We currently have the following nominations. John te Wechel (President), John Milhinch (Past President), Chris Young (Secretary), Grant Winberg (Treasurer), Lloyd Miller (Membership), Michael Hissey (Membership Assistant), John Elvy (Speakers, Tours and Functions) and Bruce Pearson (Newsletter/Website).

The smooth operation of our club relies on the organisation by the committee so if you are willing to help in some of the key roles, please let yourself

be known to one of the current committee members.

YOUNG TOURISTS

On Wednesday next week some members and their partners will head off on the organised touring holiday. They will be visiting attractions in Young, Temora and Cootamundra as well as other points of interest along the way.

We wish them a safe and enjoyable journey and thank John Elvy for his organisation of this trip.

Enquiries: John Elvy on 0414 255 770

NATIONAL BRAILLE MUSIC CAMP

This music camp is held each year in the Highlands and is preceded by a fund-raising concert. This year the fund-raising concert is again being held in St Judes Anglican Church on Saturday, 7th March commencing at 2:30pm. It is set to feature a wind, brass, soprano and a little jazz.

Although we promote this concert it is not a Probus event, so tickets are \$40 and payable at the door on the day.

The full concert is scheduled for 3rd July.

ELING MORNING TEA

Members and their partners are invited to a social morning tea complete with cakes and scones.

- Place: Eling Forest Winery Café 12587 Hume Hwy Sutton Forest.
- Date: Thursday March 26th at 10.00AM
- Cost: \$17.00 per person
- Menu: Tea/ Coffee/Water with choice of scone and delicious cakes on table
- Bookings close: 16th March.

Come along and enjoy a chat with fellow members!

[Bookings are now open CLICK HERE.](#)

Enquiries to Jim McGrath on 0409 374 741

RSL MITTAGONG MEMBERSHIP

We have most of our meetings and other functions at RSL Mittagong and we are very grateful for their financial support through their community grants. While you are not obliged to join the club, we do encourage members to take out social membership of the club both to show your appreciation of their support and for the various a multitude of other benefits of membership including discounts of meals and drinks in the club and a birthday voucher for a meal and drink on the club. All this for just \$13 and even cheaper if you join for 3 years.

Memberships are now due.

HOW TO MAKE PAYMENTS

ONLINE (Preferred)

BSB 032723 ACCOUNT 750434

Please identify your payment with your name.

CASH

Directly at a meeting.