



NEWSLETTER March 2026

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WHAT'S ON

12 th March	General Meeting Annual General Meeting
25 th March	Coffee Club
25 th March	Ladies Coffee
26 th March	Eling Morning Tea
2 nd April	Committee Meeting
9 th April	General Meeting MYSTERY PARTNERS DAY

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Here are the birthdays for this month and may they enjoy whatever number they are up to, including Paul Phillips who is celebrating for the eightieth time. Congrats Paul!

Tom Currie Piero Dal Bianco
Paul Phillips Rick Reynolds
Bruce Windybank

AGM

You are reminded again that the March meeting will include the Moss Vale Men's Probus Club's Annual General Meeting. The meeting is on Thursday, 12th March commencing at 10am. Show your interest in the club by attending and if you have any ideas or recommendations to improve the club, bring them along and let's hear them.

You will be voting on the implementation of the new constitution and the new standing resolution for administration and general operation of the club.

Copies of the proposed constitution and standing orders are available for you to consider. Select the document you require:-

Constitution - [CLICK HERE](#)

Standing Resolutions - [CLICK HERE](#)

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance as at February 1	\$4075.75
Income February 2026	\$2442.00
Expenditure January	\$1722.00

Funds on Hold	\$1203.00
Net balance as of January 31	\$3632.65

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Your membership fees and morning tea fees are now due. In fact, we ask that you deal with this now as 31st March is the closing day and after that you will become unfinancial.

As mentioned at the last meeting, the membership fees have gone up slightly for the first time in many years to \$45 but the morning tea fee has remained the same.

So, 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	71
Non-Active Members	5
Total Membership	76

VALE JOHN McCULLAGH

In February we were saddened to hear of the loss of our member John McCullagh. John joined the club in August 2016 and remained an active member until recently. I have fond memories of his story of the pilot who tried to land at the wrong airport in Europe.

Our condolences go to Pam and the family.

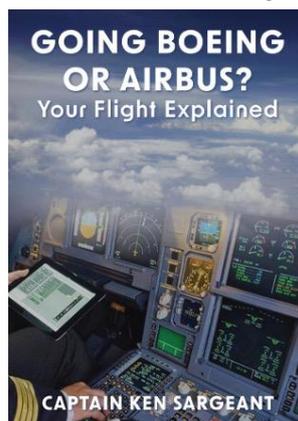
INDUCTIONS

No inductions this month but we are always open to new members joining and enjoying our club. If you have a friend who may like to come along ask them to try just one meeting and I am sure they will appreciate the invitation.

MARCH SPEAKERS

Our speaker last month, Greg de Moore, was an excellent and passionate speaker. His story of Tom Wills as a great Australian figure was fascinating.

This month, our speaker is Ken Sergeant, primary school teacher to flying instructor and Qantas pilot



by the age of twenty-three. Ken had an extensive career in the aviation industry and has now retired to Bowral and/or to Noosa in the winter.

His talk today is entitled, "We have lost an engine" which, I am sure you will agree, that in an aeroplane that is not a good thing!

NEW COMMITTEE 2026-27

Part of your job at the next meeting will be the election of your new committee for the year

I am pleased that we have received a couple more “voluntary” nominations for positions for next year. Len Tully has been nominated to take over Functions and Lloyd Miller was nominated for Vice President. These are in addition to the other nominations received: John te Wechel (President), John Milhinch (Past President), Chris Young (Secretary), Grant Winberg (Treasurer), Lloyd Miller (Membership), Michael Hissey (Promotions), John Elvy (Speakers, Tours and Functions) and Bruce Pearson (Newsletter & Website). Also, Jim McGrath has taken on the new position of PSPL and RSL. Don't let this stop you from nominating for a position as we always welcome new ideas and contributions.

ELING MORNING TEA

You haven't missed out! There is still time to book for the 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!

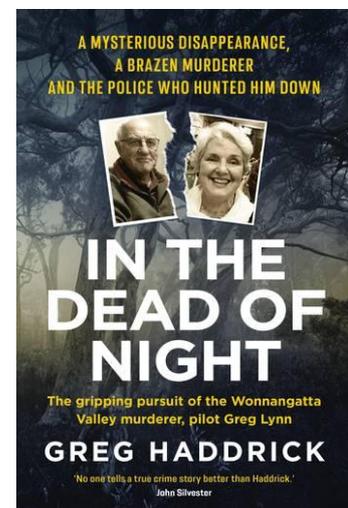
[Bookings are now open CLICK HERE.](#)

Enquiries to Jim McGrath on 0409 374 741

MYSTERY AND MURDER

KEEP THE DATE

In March 2020 secret lovers Russell Hill and Carol Clay disappeared in Victoria's remote Wonnangatta Valley. Greg Haddrick tells the gripping inside story of the twists and turns of the police investigation and the trial of pilot Greg Lynn, with many details that haven't previously been made public.



Thursday, 9th April will be a special partner's invitation day, and Greg Haddrick will be entertaining the meeting with this tale of murder and intrigue. Greg Haddrick is a Logie Award-winning screenwriter and film and television producer. His credits include the TV series Underbelly, Janet King, and Pine Gap, and he has also won seven

AWGIE Awards as a writer, three AFI Awards as a producer, and an International Emmy Award nomination as a writer and producer.

Don't miss this special day! Mark it on the calendar so that you don't double book!

YOUNG TOURISTS

Here we are the “Young Tourists” winding down after a hard day's touring, eating and enjoying the occasional thirst quencher.



The leisurely drive to Young on the first day via Crookwell was enjoyable. The towns on the western slopes have their own characteristic charm with the wide streets and beautiful older buildings lending an interesting contrast to the more modern buildings of the Southern Highlands. After a comfortable night in the motel, we arrived in Temora where the extensive and varied exhibition at the agricultural museum and the beautifully maintained aircraft museum were great attractions.

Everyone was impressed with the accommodation and restaurants along the way and a big thanks goes to John Elvy for his organisation.

WHO'S THIS!

Ignoring “yours truly” on the right, the other head in the picture is Unaarrimin, also known as Johnny Mullagh. This is one of the busts in the Captain's Walk in Cootamundra Park and they represent all the captains of Australian Test Cricket teams since 1877 through to Tim Paine who took over after “sandpaper-gate” in 2018.

I have included this particular one as Johnny Mullagh was the star batsman of the Aboriginal Team in 1868 trained by Tom Wills and mentioned during the talk by Greg de Moore last month.

Bruce Pearson



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